

The Neroche Scheme: - Butterfly Conservation winter work parties

New and well seasoned volunteers are invited to join us with the management tasks that are making better habitats for threatened butterflies and moths of the area. We are working on a series of sites in the Blackdown Forest that support the Wood White, Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, Brown Hairstreak, Duke of Burgundy and Marsh Fritillary. The work involves controlling scrub, coppicing and managing grassland.

Tasks start at 10.00 (meet at 9.45 at entrances), hand tools and instruction provided as required - work at your own pace to keep fit or just warm-up! The tasks usually finish between 3.30 and 4pm; - even if you can only manage a few hours do still come along.

We can provide tools and gloves but bring your own packed lunch and be sure to wear wellingtons or work boots. Light rain is no deterrent – just come equipped for the conditions! Children under 16 should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

We'll have a fire with soup and baked potatoes for everyone. Hope to see you there. For details of these free events and other information on Butterfly Conservation's work or the Neroche Scheme's activities please go to:

www.butterfly-conservation.org and www.nerochescheme.org

Sunday 28th February 2010 Quants Reserve

Also on Sunday 7th March subject to demand – please book to check

This lovely grassland slope supports many butterflies and wild flowers and our task is to control the scrub that is always threatening to take over.

Directions: Meet 9.45am at entrance: - gateway ST 188180 along Dolling's Road (leads to Chelmsine off lane from Forches Corner to Lowton)

For further details of these free events please contact:

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