

## **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](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org) and [www.nerochescheme.org](http://www.nerochescheme.org)

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October Mount Fancy Farm Reserve**

We will be working on the Butterfly Conservation Reserve at Mount Fancy Farm and hope you might be able to join us. If you haven't been there before, it is a beautiful site with huge views out across the Levels. There have been great changes recently with the removal of large swathes of the adjacent conifer plantations.

The OS Map reference for the meeting place at the Mount Fancy Farm end of the road from Staple Fitzpaine is ST 252 163.

For further details of these free events please contact:

Diane Garland or John Davis at Butterfly Conservation on 01929 400209 [dgarland@butterfly-conservation.org](mailto:dgarland@butterfly-conservation.org)

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – Keepers' Field**

This grassland maintenance task in the sheltered valley between Witch Lodge and Orchard Wood involves scrub control on one of the few sites in the area for the threatened Duke of Burgundy butterfly.

Directions: Meet 9.45am at entrance to forest track to Witch Lodge, just north of Staple Fitzpaine along the Taunton road, grid reference ST 262191.

- Contact: Nigel Spring on 07981 776767 / 01963 23559 [nigelspring@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nigelspring@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 Mount Fancy Farm Reserve**

We will be working on the Butterfly Conservation Reserve at Mount Fancy Farm and hope you might be able to join us. If you haven't been there before, it is a beautiful site with huge views out across the Levels. There have been great changes recently with the removal of large swathes of the adjacent conifer plantations.

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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – Mount Fancy Farm Reserve**

Another day on the Butterfly Conservation Reserve at Mount Fancy Farm – we hope you might be able to join us. If you haven't been there before, it is a beautiful site with huge views out across the Levels. There have been great changes recently with the removal of large swathes of the adjacent conifer plantations.

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010 Quants Reserve**

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)

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