

## Welcome to the North Norfolk Workout Project!

**Dear Volunteer** 

Please find, along with this letter, programmes up to the end of September for our exciting FREE scheme where volunteers can become fitter and healthier by taking part in conservation activities to improve our local environment - the North Norfolk Workout Project. You do NOT have to be fit or experienced to join us, in fact we welcome people who have a variety of physical and mental health conditions, and/or limited mobility.

Throughout the summer we will be continuing to respect the nesting birds and leave their habitat in tact, although we will be tackling some non-native invasive species such as Himalayan balsam, rhododendrons and ragwort at a range of fascinating sites in North Norfolk such as Blickling Hall, Sheringham Park and Holkham National Nature Reserve. There will be visits to some new sites such Roughton Metton Little Fen and Sculthorpe Moor Nature Reserve in Fakenham along with visits to some old favourites such as Little Walsingham St Seraphim's Church Garden (fingers crossed for another fruit cake) to continue the good work improving the tranquillity garden.

We have some interesting afternoons of learning planned with a range of knowledgeable people joining us, such as pond dipping at Thursford Woods with an OPAL scientist and a wildlife survey with an expert from the NBIS (Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service) at Kelling Heath- we may even get to see the elusive Dartford warbler or silver studded blue butterfly whilst we are there!

For our regular tasks you can choose to join in on any Monday, Thursday or Friday, 1-4pm. Sessions are for 3 hours, with a tea break halfway through. If you can't stay that long, then you are welcome to arrive or leave whenever you like - although it may sometimes be hard to find exactly where we are working, so it can help if you meet us at the start. All sessions are run by a friendly and experienced leader who will provide training in practical skills. Activities range from gentle to strenuous, and you will be encouraged to work at your own level.

**Please also see overleaf** for details of events where there are opportunities for volunteers to help to **promote the project** and recruit new faces – two vital tasks of course. Fin and I cannot be everywhere, so it is vital that some members of the group do step forward to join in with these activities too. On Sat and Sun 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 we are having a stall at the **Worstead Festival** so any help welcome- you will have plenty of time to explore the festival too.

Continued overleaf..

Please do contact me if you have any further questions. There is no need to book, but if possible, please phone us before the first time you come to one of our sessions to let us know that you will be attending. This helps us to ensure we have enough tools for the day.

Yours sincerely

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Date	Site	Activity	Meeting Points
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kings Lynn	Community	No minibus pick up liftshare may be
July		Wildlife	possible-please speak to Mark if
(from		Conference-	interested
8am-		opportunities to	
5pm)		help with	
		stewarding and	
		welcoming guests	
Sun	N.T	Non native	No minibus pick up- lift share may be
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sheringham	species action	possible please ask Mark. Meet 10am
July	Park	weekend-	at Sheringham Park National Trust
(10am-		rhododendron	main car park
1pm)		removal	
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Worstead	Helping with our	No minibus pick up but speak to Fin re
& Sun	Festival	stall and	possible lift share opportunities/pick
31 <sup>t</sup> July		promoting the	ups from North Walsham and
(from		project	opportunites to help
9am to			
5pm)			

#### Weekend opportunities July- September 2011

The Following are events organised by other organisations. Minibus transport is not available, but please contact us to see if lift-sharing can be arranged.

**Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society** have a wide range of events designed to help increase your knowledge of wild species. See <u>http://www2.nnns.org.uk/events/programme.aspx</u> or write to The Secretary, Woodhouse, Free Lane, Ditchingham, Bungay, NR35 2DW.

Fakenham Area Conservation Team run volunteer tasks on some weekends: Mr Geoff Fletcher, Tel: 01328 862164, Email: geoff.fletcher@talktalk.net

North Walsham & Dilham Canal Trust also have work parties on alternate Sundays, see <u>www.eawa.co.uk/work.html</u> or call 01603 738 648.

#### BOOKING

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#### WE PROVIDE

All tools and refreshments. If a site has toilets this is indicated below by 'WC'.

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Old clothes and sturdy shoes or boots. Waterproofs if you have them. **TETANUS** 

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<u>July 2011</u>

Sessions start at 1pm and last until 4pm. All timings approximate.

Date/Time	Site	Activity	Meeting Points
Friday	Gresham	Mowing and	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer
1st	Village All Saints Church	raking the meadow	Road) 12.25pm, Gresham <u>Village</u> (NOT the private school!) All Saints Church (park outside village hall on road North towards East Beckham) 1pm.
Monday	Aylsham	Pulling power	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer
4th	Blickling Hall	(Balsam Part One)	Road) 12.25pm, Blickling Hall National Trust main signposted car park 1pm. WC.
Thursday	Sadlers Wood	Bracken	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm,
7th	N. Walsham	bashing	Nelson Road / Tenison Road junction 1pm.
Friday	Iteringham	Pulling power	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer
8th	River Bure	(Balsam Part Two)	Road) 12.25pm, Iteringham Community Hall car park (Church Road Iteringham, just South of Church) 1pm.
Monday	Fakenham	Pond life	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer
11th	Thursford	survey with	Road) 12.25pm, Thursford Woods NWT car park (unsigned, on A148
	Woods	OPAL expert	opposite Brookhill Farm, between Thursford and Kettlestone) 1pm.
Thursday	Holkham	Ragwort	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Dun Cow Pub car park (A149 at Salthouse)
14th	National	removal	12.35pm, Lady Anne's Drive car park (turning opposite the Victoria pub at
	Nature		Holkham) – the north end by the Natural England notice board, approx

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## July 2011 (continued)

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Friday 15th	Cromer Howards Hill	Bracken bashing	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, junction of Howard's Hill West and Shipden Avenue 1pm.
Monday 18th	** NO TASK **	*** NO TASK ***	*** NO TASK *** BTCV Staff Meeting
Thursday 21st	North Walsham Southrepps Common	Boardwalk maintenance	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm, junction of Bradfield Road and Station Road, Lower Southrepps (near school, and 500 yards right from Gunton train station) 1pm.
Friday 22nd	Holt Kelling Heath	Wildlife Survey with NBIS experts	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer Road) 12.25pm, heath car park (unsignposted, on Holgate Hill between Weybourne and Kelling) 1pm. **Glow-worms and reptiles may be found!**
Monday 25th	Fakenham Wood Norton Old Pit	Surveying the "allotment"	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer Road) 12.25pm, Wood Norton Village Hall car park (Brush Hill, off B1110) 1pm.
Thursday 28th	North Walsham Bradfield Farm	Visit to farm growing wild bird food	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm, Bradfield Hall Farm car park (Hall Road, Bradfield, NR28 0QW) 1pm.
Friday 29th	Stalham Marshland Moat	BBQ and potting up wildflowers	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Stalham High Street car park (off A149 at West end of High Street, next to Library) 12.45pm, Marshlands (ask us for details) 1pm.

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Monday 1st	** NO TASK **	*** NO TASK ***	*** NO TASK *** Staff Holiday
Thursday 4th	North Walsham Sadlers Wood	Bracken bashing	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm, North Walsham Nelson Road / Tenison Road junction 1pm.
Friday 5th	Cromer Howards Hill	Bracken bashing	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, junction of Howard's Hill West and Shipden Avenue 1pm.
Monday 8th	Stiffkey Old Hall Farm (TBC)	Himalayan Balsam pulling	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Dun Cow Pub car park (A149 at Salthouse) 12.35pm, on site (off Bridge Street in Stiffkey - contact us for details) 1pm. *** Estate developed by Lord & Lady Buxton: Aubrey Buxton created Anglia TV's 'Survival' and was co-founder of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) ***
Thursday 11th	Marsham Heath	Heather spectacular	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm, car park at junction of High Street and Buxton Road (1km past Alison Street to West of Marsham village) 1.10pm.
Friday 12th	Stalham Walcott Beach	Shore-search sea life survey	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Stalham High Street car park (off A149 at West end of High Street, next to Library) 12.45pm, Walcott (opposite 'Mace' Store on B1159 Coast Road) 1pm.

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Monday 15th	Holt Hall	Not Rhododendrons - Holly!	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer Road) 12.35pm, Holt Hall Field Studies Centre (Kelling Road) 1pm. WC.
Thursday 18th	North Walsham Southrepps Common	Tales of the Riverbank	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm, junction of Bradfield Road and Station Road, Lower Southrepps (near school, and 500 yards right from Gunton train station) 1pm.
Friday 19th	Wiveton / Hindringham	Roll up for the mystery tour	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer Road) 12.25pm, Wiveton Downs Nature Reserve car park (on Langham to Wiveton Road, a little to the East of Blakeney Long Lane) 1pm.
Monday 22nd	Norwich Mousehold Heath	Butterfly survey	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Gurney Road Norwich - Pavilion car park (Zak's Diner) on the opposite side of the road to the bandstand 1pm. NB <b>NOT</b> Zak's Riverside Diner.
Thursday 25th	North Walsham Walcott Rookery	Garden makeover	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm, The Rookery (Rookery Farm Road, Walcott) 1pm.
Friday 26th	Fakenham Sculthorpe Moor	Raking and burning and tour of reserve	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Fakenham Library (Oak St) 12.50pm, Sculthorpe Moor Hawk and Owl trust car park (signposted 'Nature Reserve' from A148 West of Fakenham), Turf Moor Road, Sculthorpe 1pm.
Monday 29th	** NO TASK **	*** NO TASK ***	*** NO TASK *** Bank Holiday Monday

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Date	Site	Activity	Meeting Points
Thursday 1st	North Walsham Sadlers Wood	Bracken attack!	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm, North Walsham Nelson Road / Tenison Road junction 1pm
Friday 2nd	Roughton Metton Little Fen	Improving accesss	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Roughton outside New Inn on A140 Norwich Road 12.35pm, track South from 'The Street' (Metton-Sustead Road) signed "Norfolk Sky Mind / Glen Farm Lorries" 1pm.
Monday 5th	Holt Gravel Pit Lane	Mowing the meadow original	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer Road) 12.25pm, Gravel Pit Lane (off Hempstead Road Holt) 1pm.
Thursday 8th	North Walsham Pigneys Wood	Mowing the meadow sequel	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm, Pigney's Wood car park (near Knapton on Hall Lane) 1pm.
Friday 9th	Little Walsingham St Seraphim's Church Garden	Habitat improvements	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Little Walsingham <u>COACH</u> Park, (Station Road) 1pm.
Monday 12th	Roughton Common	Mowing the meadow trilogy	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer Road) 12.25pm, Roughton outside New Inn on A140 Norwich Road 1pm

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Thursday	North Walsham	Pulling up the	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm,
15th	Southrepps	(Michaelmas)	junction of Bradfield Road and Station Road, Lower Southrepps (near
	Common	Daisies	school, and 500 yards right from Gunton train station) 1pm.
Friday	Cromer	Bracken bashing	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, junction of Howard's Hill West and
16th	Howards Hill		Shipden Avenue 1pm.
Monday	Holt Hall	Holly control	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer
19th			Road) 12.25pm, Holt Hall Field Studies Centre (Kelling Road) 1pm. WC.
Thursday	Knapton Scrape	Pond dredging	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, North Walsham Train Station 12.35pm,
22nd			car park at junction of School Close and Hall Lane, Knapton 1pm.
Friday	Fakenham	Willow removal	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Fakenham Library (Oak St) 12.50pm,
23rd	Sculthorpe Moor		Sculthorpe Moor Hawk and Owl trust car park (signed 'Nature Reserve'
			from A148 West of Fakenham), Turf Moor Road, Sculthorpe 1pm.
Monday	Holt Country	2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Sheringham Community Centre (Cromer
26th	Park	party	Road) 12.25pm, Holt Country Park Visitor Centre (B1149) 1pm. WC.
Thursday	Roughton	Unpopular	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, Roughton outside New Inn on A140
29 <sup>th</sup>	Metton Little	poplars	Norwich Road 12.35pm, track South from 'The Street' (Metton-Sustead
	Fen		Road) signed "Norfolk Sky Mind / Glen Farm Lorries" 1pm
Friday	Northrepps	Unlucky for some	Cromer Train Station 12.10pm, junction of Mill Road and Station Road
30 <sup>th</sup>	Frogshall Wood	(Sycamores)	Cromer 12.35pm, on site (please contact us for details) 1pm.

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