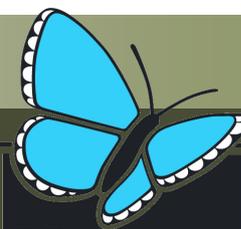


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# Nashenden Down Team

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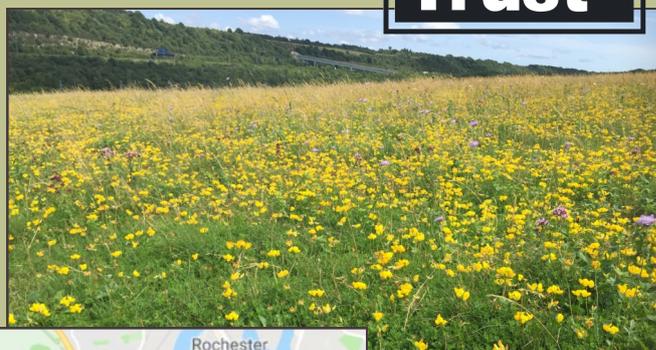


The Nashenden Down Team are a well established group lead by volunteer Team Leader Dave Watson, a long term volunteer .

The team are passionate about looking after one

of KWT's most unique reserves.

Nashenden was created from a vast arable field and this creates some unique tasks as it grows into a mature nature reserve. It also provides the unique opportunity to see nature reclaiming the farmland as the rare mix of habitats is restored.



## Task Info

### Summer

Controlling aggressive weed species, a legacy from the arable management, and protecting the newly planted trees.

### Winter

Coppicing, footpath maintenance and maintaining the ditches and banks along the new hedgerow.

### Why is it important?

This reserve is very new. It requires time to settle down. Without your help it could quickly get over run by two or three aggressive species and reduce the extraordinary range of things that have made this site their home in the last few years.

### Commitment

First Friday of every month, join us monthly, ad-hoc, or combine with other locations for weekly activities.

### Training

Full training is given and you'll only be asked to do work you are comfortable with. There is the option to do further training in machinery use or team leading too.

**Join us for a taster session or apply:**

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### Before you go:

Task locations can change at short notice so it is important to check in with the warden in advance. Wear old clothes, waterproofs and strong shoes (wellies may be needed). Bring a drink and a packed lunch if you plan to stay all day.

### Contact:

Dave Watson 07753 553228 / 01622 662012

### Getting Here:

Contact us for meeting point and times

### Access:

Please contact the Volunteer team to discuss any access requirements.

### 5th July

Depending on the weather, we will either be busy or VERY busy keeping the footpaths clear and controlling ragwort and thistle in the fields.

### 2nd August

...more of the same with the possibility of clematis bashing if the paths are clear.

### 16th August

Summer outing for our regular Nashenden volunteers, destination to be confirmed !

### 3rd May

Unless anything more urgent comes up, we'll be cutting back some of the Holm Oak re-growth in Shoulder of Mutton Wood, taking care not to disturb nesting birds.

### 7th June

This is the month for our annual audit of the chalk grassland. The quadrat survey not only provides feedback as to the effectiveness of our site management, but also forms part of the picture of the state of our reserves across Kent.



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