

# WOODLAND VOLUNTEER TOOLKIT



## Appendix 1 - Additional Resources

### Section 1: Canopy layer

- 1.1A [Tree felling: Getting permission - updated 2023 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- 1.2A [British trees](#)
- 1.2B [Tree species handbook A technical guide for practitioners - Woodland Trust](#) and [Using Local Stock for Planting Native Trees and Shrubs -Forestry Commission](#)
- 1.2C [How to plant a tree - TCV](#)
- 1.3A [Veteran Trees - A guide to good management and VetCert resources](#)
- 1.3B [Tree Age](#)
- 1.3C [Ancient Woodland Inventory Handbook for England - Natural England](#)

#### Interesting reading:

[Improving woodland habitat for wildlife](#)

[‘Planting for the Future: Kew’s Landscape Succession Plans’](#)

[Keepers of time: ancient and native woodland and trees policy in England -DEFRA](#)

### Section 2: Native shrub layer

#### 2.1 Trees & shrubs

South-East England & London Seed Zone number 405

The link below gives detail on appropriate species depending on soil types.

[Using Local Stock for Planting Native Trees and Shrubs -Forestry Commission](#)

Additional information about trees & shrubs

[How To Grow Trees | A Complete Guide From TCV](#)

[Tree species handbook A technical guide for practitioners - Woodland Trust](#)

[Tree species and provenance - Forest Research](#)

## 2.2 Woodland Management Activities

Woodland Management Activity Timeline	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Control & reduce Bramble and other dominant plant species to improve structural diversity.												
Thinning or coppicing trees on a regular cycle, 3-5 years subject to use of the timber												
Cut dead branches from canopy trees and retain deadwood on site												
Create and maintain dead hedges												
Monitor trees and trim overhang vegetation												
Build loggeries/habitat piles in both sunny and shady areas												
Transplant desired shrub layer saplings												
Reduce non-native or undesirable plants such as laurel and sycamore												
Maintain paths, rides, glades												
Clear ivy from selected trees (where too dominant, or tree is high ecological value)												
Maintain and repair fences, steps, and other features												
Monitor and record ground flora												

Table of woodland management activities from TCV, 2025

## Section 3: Ground layer

### Managing & protecting the ground layer

- 3.1 [How to make a dead hedge \(video\) and Managing Woodland for Ground flora](#)
- 3.4 [Ancient Woodland & Ancient Woodland - Revised \(England\) - Completed Counties](#)

## Section 4: Problem species

- 4.1 [Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 UK Public General Acts 1981 c. 69 SCHEDULE 9](#)
- 4.2 [How to stop invasive non-native plants from spreading](#)  
[Invasive species – Wood wise by Woodland Trust](#)  
[Laurel removal](#)
- 4.3 [Managing Woodland for Ground flora](#)  
[Woodland management matters: Ensuring the future health and resilience of our woodlands](#)  
[Native dominants or botanical ‘thugs’ in woodland](#)
- 4.4 [Nesting birds and the law - RSPB England - Our work - The RSPB Community](#)

## Section 5: Wildlife features

- 5.1 [Common Ivy and Ivy](#)  
[Bats and the law](#)  
[Managing trees and woodlands for bats in London](#)
- 5.2 [Managing dead and decaying wood habitats](#)
- 5.3A [Managing Woodland For Pollinators](#)
- 5.3B [Pond creation toolkit, Guide to the restoration, creation and management of ponds](#)
- 5.3C [Conservation of amphibians and reptiles - Froglife](#)
- 5.3D [Badger Information - Woodland Trust](#)
- 5.3E [Woodland Wildlife Toolkit -Species Factsheet](#)

Interesting Reading:

[Improving woodland habitat for wildlife](#)

[Pond Clearing Risk Assessment - TCV](#)

## Section 6: Access & interpretation

- 6.1 [Landscape and woodland design for woodland creation](#)  
[Woodland tracks and paths](#)  
[The countryside belongs to all of us](#)
- 6.2 [Woodland management, infrastructure and signage: visitors with dogs](#)  
[Signage Guidance for Outdoor Access - A Guide to Good Practice](#)

## Section 7 : Site Users

- 7A [Fly-tipping & the law | Keep Britain Tidy and Love Clean Streets](#) (for your local authority)
- 7B [Woodland management, infrastructure and signage: visitors with dogs and Dog owners “walk this way” to cleaner green spaces | Keep Britain Tidy](#)
- 7C [Love Where You Live: Simple ways to make a big difference | Keep Britain Tidy](#) and  
[Why do we need to pick litter? | Keep Britain Tidy](#)
- 7D [Bats-Trees.pdf](#) , [Threats to woods and trees - Woodland Trust](#) [Foraging Guidelines - Woodland Trust](#)  
[Ivy - Stop the Chop](#)
- 7E [Forest Education Network \(England\) - Royal Forestry Society](#)
- 7F [Woods for Health and Wellbeing - Woodland Trust & Take part in the Green Tree Schools Award - Woodland Trust](#)
- 7G [wood-wise-citizen-science.pdf](#) , [UK Tree Health Citizen Science Network - Forest Research](#)

## OTHER RESOURCES

### **[The Conservation Volunteers \(TCV\) via FREE TCV Community Network Membership](#)**

[Hand tools - a guide to safe use](#)

[Top Tips for holding public events](#)

[Nature walks- Easy read walks and activities](#)

[Activity Ideas - Citizen Science in the Community - TCV](#)

[Community Group Admin & Governance](#)

[Manual Handling](#)

[Safeguarding](#)

[Risk Assessment](#)

[Tick Awareness](#)

### **Risk Assessments**

[Generic Risk Assessment for General Conservation and Tree Planting](#)

[Coppicing Risk Assessment - TCV](#)

[Bushcutter & Strimmer Risk Assessment - TCV](#)

[Hedgelaying Risk Assessment - TCV](#)

[Pond Clearing Risk Assessment - TCV](#)

[Paths & Drainage Risk Assessment - TCV](#)

[Fencing Risk Assessment - TCV](#)

**There is also a wide range of conservation guidance through the handbooks listed below. [TCV Community Network Membership](#) enables a discount on all the handbooks listed below and more.**

[TCV Conservation Handbooks \(subscription fee\)](#)

- [Woodlands](#)
- [The Urban Handbook](#)
- [Fencing](#)
- [Hedging](#)
- [Footpaths](#)
- [Waterways & Wetlands](#)
- [Toolcare](#)
- [Tree Planting and Aftercare](#)

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