



## **Butterfly Conservation Dorset Branch**

# **JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF PRACTICAL CONSERVATION WORK IN DORSET**

During three weekends this autumn and winter, the Dorset Branch of Butterfly Conservation is inviting volunteers to join us for practical conservation tasks in northwest Dorset with an overnight stay on the Saturday.

**Accommodation and supper** on the Saturday evenings will be provided at The Green Man Inn at King's Stag. Accommodation will be in tents and caravans parked behind the pub. Meals will be provided – supper (courtesy of Butterfly Conservation Dorset Branch) and breakfast and packed lunch for Sunday. If you can bring a caravan or tent, please let us know. £10 per person will cover everything. If you live locally and plan to attend both days' conservation tasks, we hope you will also join us for the evenings at The Green Man.

Lydlinch Common, Deadmoor Common and Alner's Gorse Reserve are notable wildlife sites northwest of Sturminster Newton, areas with a spectacular wealth of wildflowers and rich insect fauna, including several threatened butterfly and moth species. They are relics of a once great expanse of similar habitat on the damp clays of north Dorset, formerly the royal Forests of Gillingham and Blackmore. These sites have suffered from neglect and undergrazing and need substantial scrub clearance to protect the habitats of the target species.

**Saturday 29 October ALNER'S GORSE RESERVE, Hazelbury Bryan**

**Sunday 30 October LYDLINCH COMMON, Nr Sturminster Newton**

**Saturday 19 November ALNER'S GORSE RESERVE**

**Sunday 20 November DEADMOOR COMMON, Hazelbury Bryan**

**Saturday 25 February ALNER'S GORSE RESERVE**

**Sunday 26 February LYDLINCH COMMON**

The tasks will all begin at 10am and end between 3 and 4pm. Tools can be provided but bring loppers and/or bowsaws if you have them. People joining us for the weekend should bring a packed lunch for the Saturday at Alner's Gorse Reserve and meet us during the day on the reserve, at map ref. ST 736100. The gateway to the drove leading to Alner's Gorse is on the north side of the road between Hazelbury Bryan and King's Stag, beside the Hazelbury Bryan village and the 30mph signs. Park on the edge of the small lane directly opposite the reserve entrance.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

**We are planning visits next spring to La Brenne in central France for a week and to two national parks in the north of Hungary for 10 days, to carry out conservation management work. It is hoped that these will be the first steps in the setting up of a European Network of Conservation Volunteers which will facilitate exchanges of volunteers between European wildlife sites. For further details of these, including some concessionary fees, contact Nigel Spring (below).**

If you would like to join us for one or more of these conservation weekends in north Dorset, please return the booking form with a cheque made out to The Green Man to  
Nigel Spring, Portesham Farm, Winter's Lane, Portesham,  
Weymouth, Dorset DT3 4ES.

Email: [nigelspring@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nigelspring@yahoo.co.uk). Tel: 07981.776767

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## **Conservation weekends in northwest Dorset**

### **Reply form**

**Name/s:-**

**Address:-**

**Email:-**

**Telephone:-**

**Please count me/us in for the conservation weekend/s:-**

- October 29/30 2005
- November 19/20 2005
- February 25/26 2006
  
- We can bring a caravan/tent and offer accommodation to ..... other volunteers.
  
- We need accommodation for .....volunteers.
  
- We enclose £10 per person as a cheque made out to The Green Man
  
- Please send further details of the visits in March 06 to La Brenne and to Hungary.
  
- I/we cannot take part in any of these activities, but would like to keep in touch. It will help greatly if you leave your email address.
  
- Please return to Nigel Spring, Portesham Farm, Winter's Lane, Portesham, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 4ES  
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