

Volunteers Winter Calendar 2010



Learn about & enjoy nature



International Year of Biodiversity

2010 has been designated the **International Year of Biodiversity** by the United Nations to raise awareness and celebrate all the diversity of life on our planet.

We hope that this year will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn and enjoy more about the incredibly rich tapestry of nature that is North Devon.

The realization that we are part of nature and understanding how we can reduce our destructive impacts and increase our creative restorative actions has become an urgent need.

Our winter volunteer days offer practical, hands on opportunities to work with others to make a positive contribution to our environment - I hope you'll find the time to join us.

Wishing you a creative and happy 2010.

Rupert Hawley Biodiversity Projects Officer

Booking a place:

To book a place or for further details please contact Tom Hynes or Rupert Hawley at the Northern Devon Coast and Countryside Service on the telephone number below

What to bring:

Work clothes, stout boots or Wellington boots, a packed lunch and a drink

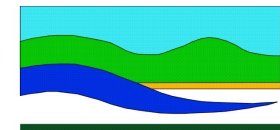
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**NORTHERN DEVON
Coast & Countryside
Service**

Meadow Management Fremington Cuttings Wednesday 20 January

We will be finishing the cutting and clearance of this recently established flower-rich habitat on the Tarka Trail in time for Spring. This is an opportunity to learn the practical skills needed to create and maintain a grassland with a great abundance and diversity of wild flowers.

Meet at Fremington Quay in front of the café at 1000

Shared Event – Countryside Service / Devon Wildlife Trust

Sunday 7 February 1000

Work Party on County Wildlife Site. There is a range of work to suit everyone including hedge-laying, clearing around a lake and carrying out winter management of a recently planted 5 acre woodland. Lunch provided so booking essential.

**Meet at Somers Farm, Harracott,
Yarnscombe Grid Ref: SS 556 256**

Building Dormouse Boxes Wednesday 17 February 1000

Learn how to make dormouse boxes so that we can replace old and decaying boxes on the Tarka Trail. Booking essential so that we can ensure adequate tools and timber for you.

Meet at Jennets Reservoir Grid Ref: SS 444 247

Coppicing / Replacement of Dormouse Boxes Sunday 7 March 1000

We will be putting up the old boxes in time for dormice waking up from hibernation. Learn about all aspects of dormouse ecology. Hazel, oak, ash & willow will be coppiced using traditional hand tools.

Meet at Car Park on A386 Bideford – Torrington road Grid Ref: SS 475 216

Big, Biosphere Beaches Spring Clean Saturday & Sunday 20 / 21 March

This is a Biosphere wide Event – Beach Cleans of North Devon beaches between Marsland Mouth and Lynmouth. More than 50 beaches need clearing so watch out for up-dates on our Website to find a Beach Clean Event near you.

**Meet at your chosen Beach Event location – see
our website from 10/2/10 for details –
www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk**

