

Shapwick Heath

National Nature Reserve

Join the Green Team



Sunday Tasks: Winter 2009-2010

You can join us every Thursday throughout the year as well as many Sundays during the winter. All tasks run from 10.00am to 4.00pm, meeting at Natural England's offices at the Avalon Marshes Centre, Shapwick Road, Westhay BA6 9TT. Everyone is welcome and no experience is required.

For further information please contact Simon Clarke or Sue Habgood on 01458 860120 or email: simon.clarke@naturalengland.org.uk

- 10th January** Ditches provide an important habitat for many wetland species, however over time they fill with sediment. Spend a day with the team as we clear out some of the ditches that are getting a bit too full of vegetation. It might get mucky so wellies and spare clothes are definitely recommended. (Sue Habgood)
- 24th January** Scallops and clearings are an extremely important habitat for many butterfly species that use Shapwick Heath NNR. Help the reserve team open up new areas for butterflies to feed and display. (Sue Habgood)
- 7th February** The Argent and Sable moth is a beautiful and nationally scarce moth. Shapwick Heath NNR is one of the strongholds for this species within the UK. Along with volunteers from Butterfly Conservation help coppice Birch and Bog Myrtle for the benefit of this rare creature. (Simon Clarke)
- 28th February** Come and help 'Ratty'. Despite falling numbers across the UK, good numbers of Water Voles are still found at Shapwick Heath NNR. Spend the day improving the habitat for this amazing little mammal. (Sue Habgood)
- 14th March** Come and help the team make some final finishes to our reed bed management before the spring migrants arrive. (Simon Clarke)

Always bring a packed lunch, stout boots and waterproof clothing.
Hot drinks and biscuits are provided. On the day, if the weather forecast is looking bad please contact the Reserve Manager on 07970 280804 for task confirmation.