

Conservation Breaks on Lundy

Why do conservation work on Lundy?

The Field Society has been offering Conservation Breaks to Lundy for a number of years now. The work undertaken is vital to the welfare of Lundy and encouraged by the Landmark Trust who assist these activities by providing free accommodation to those who go there to do such work. Effective conservation not only safeguards sensitive environments but can also help to enrich them. In addition, visitors to the island benefit greatly from the maintenance carried out by these dedicated conservationists. We are not the only organisation to do this kind of work. The Friends of Lundy, the Acorn Trust, the BTCV and other groups with an interest in conservation on Lundy also coordinate such parties. Overall, the combined efforts of these organisations and the Lundy Field Society amount to hundreds of hours of conservation work.

What do we do?

The work undertaken is a mixture of tasks that support Lundy's warden in protecting the ecology and natural beauty of Lundy. The majority of work revolves around the management and control of Lundy's large rhododendron stands which, although an outstanding feature of the island, require constant attention to stop their spread into more ecologically sensitive areas. In particular the Lundy Cabbage (*Coicya wrightii*), a plant found only on Lundy is under constant threat from the encroachment of these rhododendron stands into some of its established growing areas. Other work includes the more familiar blend of dry stone walling, path maintenance, culvert clearance and a host of diverse conservation projects vital to preservation of the distinctive environment that Lundy enjoys.

What should I expect?

You will need to make your own way to the departure port and will be expected to pay for your food, etc. whilst on Lundy - usually about £30. Working hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm, starting on the day after your arrival and ending the day before your departure. There will be a day off on Wednesday to allow you time to explore and enjoy Lundy. The tasks are challenging but not without reward – ask anybody who has participated in a previous Conservation Break! Accommodation is provided free of charge by the Landmark Trust and the Field Society will pay your boat fare. If travel is by helicopter there may be an extra charge.

How do I get on a Conservation Break?

Each year there is a choice of Conservation Breaks – the dates of which are shown on the booking form below. If you wish to join us please complete and return the form as soon as possible with a £10 deposit. This will be sent to your Conservation Break leader to help pay towards your food bill. (Please note that there is an additional charge of £25 for those who are not members of the Society). Note. Photographs of working parties are sometimes used for publicity purposes. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to the working party leader. It is advisable to book as early as possible as the Conservation Breaks are often very popular.

Lundy Field Society Conservation Breaks

I would like to join the Lundy Field Society Conservation Break on Lundy from:

~~Friday 23 – Saturday 31 March 2012.~~

~~Note that there will be an extra charge of £50 for this trip as travel will be by helicopter both ways.~~

Saturday 6 – Saturday 13 October 2012

(Tick as appropriate)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

I am a member and enclose a deposit of £10.

I am not a member and enclose a deposit of £10 plus a donation of £25.

I would like to join the Field Society and enclose a deposit of £10 plus membership

(Ordinary £15, Family £18).

(You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your deposit and allocation of your place).

Signature: _____

Please return this form to:

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