

## For all outdoor activities in the winter you will need to bring:

- Waterproof clothing
- Warm clothing (one more layer than you think you'll need)
- Strong boots or wellies—steel toe-caps are advised for tools based tasks
- Gloves (work gloves and a spare pair of warm gloves)
- Lunch
- Hot and cold drinks
- Warm hat

### If you have them please also bring:

- Secateurs
- Loppers
- Bowsaw

**Additional tools and safety equipment will be provided by North Yorkshire County Council.**

An on site Health and Safety briefing and explanation of the task will be provided prior to practical work commencing.



**If you have any questions about the activity please do not hesitate to contact Liz or Dave.**

**If you have not already done so please confirm by Friday 18th January if you are likely to be attending. You can let Liz or Dave know.**

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**Howardian Hills**  
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

## Volunteer Task

**Scrub Clearance  
to Restore Fen Habitat  
and  
Rights of Way  
Maintenance at  
Littledale SINC**

**Sunday 27th January**



**Sunday 27th February**

## **Scrub Clearance at Littledale SINC (near Terrington)**

Meet at the Village Hall Car Park  
at 10.30am.

We will go to the site in the  
minimum number of vehicles  
possible as we will be parking at a  
local farm.

Finish time is flexible - you can  
work until 3.00pm if you want to  
or just stay with us until 12.30  
(when transportation to your vehi-  
cle at the Village Hall can be pro-

### **What are we doing?**

The aim is to cut and burn as  
much as possible of the broom  
and elder scrub that is encroaching  
over the open areas

Any Rights of Way repairs that are  
required in the area can also be  
completed.



### **Why are we doing this?**

The site has not been managed for  
several years. The AONB has taken  
on the management of the site with  
the agreement of Castle Howard  
Estate.

Scrub needs to be cleared from the  
banks to encourage a greater variety  
of plants to flower there once again.  
Scrub also needs to be prevented  
from spreading into the fen area at  
the base of the slope.

### **What next for this site?**

As well as scrub clearance we  
aim this year to fence the site  
and  
introduce grazing with Exmoor  
Ponies. I can tell you more  
about this on the 27th.

We will cut and bale the site  
using a mini-baler during the  
autumn to remove any material  
that the ponies have avoided.

Next winter will possibly see  
us return to the site to remove  
re-growth and adjacent scrub.

