



# ECOVOLS **SPRING 2025 TASKS**

## **HORTON HEATH** **MARCH**

**Sunday 16th and Monday 17th**

This small heath with its heathers and creeping willow is an important habitat for many invertebrates. Our work will involve reducing some clumps of encroaching brambles and pushing back some saplings that reduce ground cover and prevent the germination and spread of heather seedlings. We shall also prune some of the larger plants to prevent them getting too 'leggy' and so promote new growth.

Meet on site at 9.30am daily



## **HAZEL COUPE** **APRIL**

**Sunday 27th and Monday 28th**

We continue the rotation coppicing cycle on some of the older hazel that we planted over ten years ago, so as to encourage new growth. Our aim is to create some areas with plenty of young shoots to act as a host source for butterfly breeding and provide more bushy cover at the base for dormice nesting.

Meet daily on site at 9.30am daily

## **CASTLE HEATH** **MAY**

**Sunday 18th and Monday 19th**

This is another important site for heathers but is affected by scrub encroachment and is at risk of being overshadowed by the growth small trees. We will remove some of the saplings growing amongst the heathers to allow the plants to flourish and so provide a late source of nectar that is vital to many invertebrates. Some of the taller surrounding shrubs will be thinned back to allow as much sunlight into the small glade.

Meet daily on site at 9.30am daily

