**NEWS FROM THE WASHPOOL**

**A CHANCE TO LEARN A NEW SKILL!** The Washpool project has made contact with a professional hedge layer who has offered to come and teach half a dozen of us how to do hedge laying. The training will probably take place on a Saturday or a Sunday during November.

Hedge laying is a rural skill that is enjoying something of a revival. Laying a hedge rejuvenates it, encouraging growth from the roots and creating a thick barrier, wonderful wildlife corridors and nesting sites for farmland birds.

If you are interested in taking part and learning a new skill then please let us know by emailing washpool@gmail.com ASAP! There is no charge for participating but we would ask you to use your newfound abilities by helping on site from time to time.

Our final Conservation Day of the year will take place on **Sunday 19 November** and we’ll be in the valley from around 10am until the early afternoon. We have a busy schedule to prepare the site for winter so even half an hour of your time would be invaluable. If you can’t join us this time then perhaps you can put the 2018 dates in your diary now? They are:

Sunday 21 January 2018
Sunday 18 March 2018
Sunday 20 May 2018
Sunday 15 July 2018
Sunday 16 September 2018
Sunday 18 November 2018

Finally, the first Friends of Washpool event is due to take place on Saturday 25 November - so if you’ve been planning to sign up now would be the time to do so! We’re hoping to hold a candlelit bonfire evening with refreshments so if you’d like to join us then please complete the form on the following page. Entry is only for Friends and members of the Washpool Committee so join us today and don’t miss out!

Many thanks
WARP

**Become a FRIEND of Washpool!**

We know that many villagers value the Washpool but not everyone is able to join our regular Conservation Days. So, there’s now a new way to support the Washpool Area Restoration Project (WARP). In return for a small annual donation you will receive a quarterly newsletter about the Washpool and its wildlife, plus an invitation to an annual ‘Friends only’ event. All money raised will be used to support the work of the volunteers who keep the Washpool open for everyone to enjoy. **To join, please fill out this form!**

Name: --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Address: -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

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Email: --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Individual friend: £5 minimum donation

Family friends: £10 minimum donation

 **Please return this form, with your payment, to: 26 Turnball, Chiseldon SN4 0LJ. Cheques are payable to WARP.**