

**SDS Volunteers Task Plan
Autumn/Winter 2018-19**

All areas:

Burn all arisings.

Minimise number of fire sites and reuse old sites where possible.

All vehicles to follow lower track on the south of Rifle Range

	Location	Task	Comments
	Rifle Range north slope	Selective clearance of scrub between large blocks. Eastern end clear to create larger area for Adonis Blue and Silver Spotted Skipper	Additional clearance by roboflail? TP
	<i>Rifle Range Plateau and north slope western end and down slope</i>	<i>Clear blackthorn scrub</i>	<i>TP and SDNP Volunteers</i>
	Rifle Range southern edge	<i>Cut back 1metre.</i> <i>Cut and treat sycamore saplings</i>	<i>TP/Roboflail?</i>
	Rifle Range southern slope	Selective scrub clearance and ash sapling removal. Keep large scrub islands. Remove 75% of small scrub eastern end. Coppice blackthorn adjacent to kissing gate on 4 year rotation. Clear brambles from orchid bank and along fenceline, treat sycamore and ash	TP/Roboflail?
	Brown Hairstreak Reserve	Feb/March rotational cut of tallest Bullace in Reserve. Cut suckers outside Reserve. Cut tallest Bullace around head of stream. Cut path through Reserve	
	Allotment Path	Keep open	SGS Groups
	Steyning Coombe	East-west strip between main track and north fence remove 30% (?).	Very high priority

		<p>Central Zone – prioritise removing low vegetation before taller. Hand cutting/mowing as required after grazing. May include removal of scrub and ‘lollipops’. Leave juniper and whitebeam.</p> <p>Downslope eastern half (not SE corner) clear as required after grazing.</p>	
	Steyning Coombe Viewpoint compartment	Cut back trees and treat stumps	
	Steyning Coombe Juniper Compartment	Brushcut/clear scrub and coarse grass, avoid juniper saplings. Create scrapes of bare chalk	
	Bostal Chalk Pit	Eastern slope bring blackthorn into rotation	
	Secret garden	Continue 3 year rotation of scrub control	
	<i>Lower Horsehoe</i>	<i>Tom/John Burges to clear dead/dying ash and create fire sites</i>	<i>SGS School groups</i>
	<i>Lower Horsehoe</i>	<i>Continue Bridleway clearance</i>	<i>CS and Path Group</i>
	Nightingale Lane	Clear round elms and black poplars as needed Put in dead hedging where possible to control access	

Italics – groups other than Conservation Volunteers

Red – High priority

Purple – medium priority