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Want to have fun, feel good, exercise, enjoy nature...?  
Put our autumn & winter conservation sessions in your diary!  
*Check out the dates below and come along to have a friendly, fun time.*

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**Sunday November 25th**

**10.30 - 12.30**

**Tree planting in  
Ludwell Valley Park**

**All welcome**

Meet at gateway entrance to the park, by  
Grandisson Court, off Bishop Westall Road  
Bring warm clothes, waterproofs, stout boots,  
a drink. 0797 441461 for more info



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## **Conservation session dates**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am.** Tree planting in Ludwell Valley Park. We will be filling in gaps in woodland above the Panny, at the Topsham Road end of Ludwell Valley Park. There could also be a bit more alien tree species removal too, so something for everyone!

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019. 10.30am** *Changed now to :* [Planting trees in the community orchard](#). This is a not to be missed event, with a repeat of last winter's wonderful planting session, with cake stall, hot drinks provided. Put it in your diaries now!

More details [here](#). If you are a [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) user, do please share these events.

### **Wanted - leads for conservation sessions**

We are looking for volunteers to be 'lead' on our tasks. Being lead on a task is easy - it just means you make a definite commitment to be at the task and to say hello to people who turn up to help. We carry out some tasks with the support of Exeter City Council, and other simpler tasks working just with Ludwell Life volunteers, so you don't have to have any special skills.

The more task leaders we have, the more tasks we can carry out to improve Ludwell Valley. You are also welcome to be a 'shadow' lead, seeing what it is done before, during and after the task, to see if it's for you. To find out more, please email [ludwelllife@gmail.com](mailto:ludwelllife@gmail.com)

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## **Community Orchard - next steps**

Devonshire Buckland, Don's Delight, Totnes apple, cob trees, Invincible pear, damson and Dittisham Ploughman plum - these are the delicious names of the fruit and nut trees just ordered for the second stage of planting in the Ludwell Community Orchard. Another ten trees are to be planted on Sunday January 13th and we hope to see lots of you there. Last year's planting sessions were memorable for the friendly atmosphere and of course the many fabulous cakes! Big thanks as always to the indefatigable Chris Moulton of Exeter City Council, who has found wire mesh from old tree guards in other locations, and is recycling them in the community orchard, thus saving our precious funds to be spent on the trees and the wood for the tree guards.

**Sunday January 13th. 10.30am. All welcome, cakes and other goodies also welcome!**



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## Calling all Facebook and twitter users

Want to help Ludwell Life achieve more for Ludwell Valley Park but pushed for time?

If you are a regular user of Facebook and /or Twitter, you can really help us from the comfort of your sofa! We have a steadily growing number of Facebook and Twitter followers, and we rely on social media to get key messages out - especially about volunteering for conservation and other tasks.

So please....

- take a moment to like our Ludwell Life Facebook page, join our Ludwell Life Facebook group and follow us on Twitter
- remember to share and like posts and tweets, so we reach more people

The more people support us with their enthusiasm, time and/or money, the more we can achieve for Ludwell Valley Park

Thanks!



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## Devon Dippers

Or Cinclus Cinclus to its friends....

A few of us were walking by the Panny the other day and saw two Devon Dippers. It's great to know that they are there. Here are a few facts about these birds; for more, go to <http://www.wildaboutdevon.co.uk/the-dipper/>

Dippers are found in America, Asia and northern Africa. Their characteristic 'bobbing' is thought to be a display behaviour. It feeds mainly in invertebrates in the water by diving under and propelling itself using its wings. It then uses its beak to upturn stones to find its prey.

They like unpolluted, fast-moving streams, so the fact that they are regularly seen on the Panny is great news, as the stream is official polluted and 'poor' water quality in the Environment Agency's rating. The assumption is that the water quality varies, with enough periods of better quality water to support dippers, kingfishers and even the odd eel that has been seen in the Panny.



Ludwell Life is an independent community group, set up to protect and enhance Ludwell Valley Park  
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Facebook page

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