



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

03 January 2017

Englemere Pond

Leader: Graham Coe

BFC ranger: Rob Solomon

The group cleared silver birch and Scots pine and burnt cleared material on a bonfire. Some Gaultheria was also removed. Stakes were cut for some dead hedging. Seven volunteers attended. The day was cold but sunny.

Previous visits

We paid several visits to Englemere Pond in 2016:

21 June 2016:

removing invasives (pirri-pirri burr and Scots pine), building dead hedges

2 August 2016:

clearing willow from pond margin, making dead hedge

23 August 2016

dead hedge building and willow clearance again

13 September 2016

tree clearance around new pond and dead hedging again

Englemere Pond

Englemere Pond Nature Reserve covers an area of 27.6 Ha (68.2 acres). There is a shallow acidic lake surrounded by reed beds, forest and heathland. The Reserve was formerly part of the royal hunting forest, and is still part of the Crown Estate.

Important species on the site include adders, grass snakes and round-leaved sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*), a plant which is listed in Bracknell Borough's Biodiversity Action Plan.

See:

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/englemere-pond-nature-reserve-leaflet.pdf>

Coming up next

10 January 2017

Savernake Park

Rhododendron and gaultheria removal

From the archives – 3 years ago

On 7 January 2014, BCV visited Popes Meadow. The task was planting a hedge, putting in a paling fence and removing laurel. 10 volunteers attended.

What's on

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) –Big Garden Birdwatch

Every year, the RSPB asks people to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. You are asked to record the birds in your garden for a period of 1 hour on 28-30 January 2017. This gives valuable data on garden bird numbers. From 14 December you can register for a free Big Garden Birdwatch pack.

<https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>

Bracknell Forest Parks and Countryside

Traditional Orchard Wassail at Lily Hill Park.

Saturday 14 January 2017

19:00 – 20:30

Meet at the orchard, follow the glow-sticks from the north car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/pc-events-prog-nov-2016-to-april-2017.pdf>

Jealott's Hill Community Landshare

WALK 'N' WASSAIL
AT
Jealott's Hill
Community Landshare

Wellers Lane nr Penfurzen Lane,
Warfield, RG42 6BQ -
Off the A330 (Maidenhead/Ascot)

1.15pm ~ An informative guided walk
through the local Warfield countryside
* Booking preferred, please call 07970 356 292 or
e-mail kate.darrall@bracknellforesthomes.org.uk

2.30pm ~ Wassail Ceremony in
the Orchard & Bonfire

FREE Entry & Parking on site
No Dogs except Guide Dogs

Ellington Morris Dancers
Traditional Wassail
Hot Apple Cup
Bonfire
Refreshments
Tombola & Bric a Brac

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