



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**27 June 2017**

**Peacock Meadows**

**Leader:** Graham Coe  
**Ranger:** Marie-Anne Phillips

Eleven volunteers attended to pull ragwort from the meadow. Weather was humid with light cloud.

### *Previous visits*

We last visited Peacock Meadows on 16 May 2017. We removed tree guards, reconstructed fence and rail barriers around various areas and made a bonfire of wood and other refuse left by travellers.

### *Peacock Meadows*

A history of Peacock Meadows is given here:

<https://www.caba.org.uk/about-us/peacock-meadows/history-peacock-meadows>

This is a field between the Easthampstead Road and A329. It abuts on to Big Wood, which has some very fine oak and other trees. There is also a veteran Wild Service tree (*Sorbus torminalis*) on the corner of Big Wood, which was measured by the group in 2015; the girth then was 3m. The tree consists of a small section of dead wood which would have been about half of the lower part of the main trunk, and one trailing side branch which is still producing foliage and flowers.

## Coming up next

**4 July 2017**

**Tarmans Copse**

Removing tree guards. Park at Blackcap Lane.

## Berkshire Conservation Volunteers

On Sunday 25 June Roger and Maggie Britt attended at a task run by the Berkshire Conservation Volunteers (BeC) at Ambarrow Court near Sandhurst. Seven volunteers and Nemo the dog attended. Nemo was very friendly but kept knocking things over with his tail and feet. One group worked on building up steps below a bench. Another group removed logs from two dried-up ponds and made them into eco-piles. This group also scattered an ash heap from a previous fire (possibly done by BCV?), and loaded scalplings and gravel into the trailer for the bench.

Our group (BCV) did a task at this spot on 22 March 2016, removing brambles and cutting back bamboo.

BeC use a Cumbrian kettle to boil the water for tea and coffee. The water is filled into the outside of the aluminium kettle, and twigs are pushed down the middle and burnt to boil the water.

See website for BeC:

<http://www.berkshire-conservation-volunteers.org.uk/>

## What's On

### ***Bracknell Forest Parks and Countryside***

Himalayan balsam pulling at Garth Pond

Saturday 1 July

13:00 – 15:00

Meet at Garth Pond entrance, opposite Totale Rise, Bracknell RG42 2PW

Himalayan balsam pulling at Horseshoe Lake

Sunday 2 July and Saturday 8 July

13:00 – 15:00

Meet at Horseshoe Lake car park, off Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW

All Parks and Countryside events up to October 2017 are listed at:

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/pc-events-prog-may-to-oct-2017.pdf>

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