



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

5 September 2017

Jocks Copse

Leader: Richard Elsbury
Ranger: Luke Dawson

We coppiced hazel in a section of Jock's Copse close to Boltons Lane (about 200 m). The group repaired a dead hedge and incorporated coppiced hazel into this. The brash was put into the ranger's trailer and larger logs were made into habitat piles.

Some members of the group parked in the Jock's Lane recreation ground car park and some in Boltons Lane. The copse itself is easily accessible from both. There is plenty of street parking in Boltons Lane.

The weather was cloudy with a little drizzle. Nine volunteers attended.

Previous visits

We last visited Jocks Copse on 23 October 2013, when we did coppicing, made habitat piles and prepared stakes and binders for a subsequent trip to Garth Meadow.

Jocks Copse

This is one of the three copses:

- Jock's Copse
- Temple Copse
- Tinker's Copse

which are linked, forming a corridor for wildlife. In the 1930s there was an airstrip between Jock's and Tinker's Copse. The name 'Jock' is said to refer to a Scottish vagrant who frequented the copse in the early 1800s. The trees are chiefly oak and hazel. Wild service trees (*Sorbus torminalis*) are present.

See the BFC leaflet about the three copses:

<https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/documents/the-three-copses.pdf?CVqaXSab.RxsE10gRUfOz7CQmt9acASZ>

Coming up next

12 September 2017

Lily Hill Park (Starch Copse)

Meet in the top car park, off Lily Hill Road near the house. The task will be vegetation clearance near the steps up to the wellingtonias, bramble removal, dogwood pruning and coppicing. We will have a fire.

Ray Mears at Reading

Ray Mears is presenting his show "Born to go wild" at the Hexagon, Reading on October 21.
See:

www.readingarts.com/hexagon/whats-on-day/2017-10-21

Building at TRL

The Bracknell News has reported that Bracknell Forest Council has given approval for a number of new homes to be built on the old TRL site at Crowthorne. Some trees will be removed.

http://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/bracknell/15488434.Housing_development_on_TRL_site_gets_green_light/

SANG in Warfield

A new Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) will be set up in Warfield by developers who are building houses in the Newell Green Area. It appears that this new SANG will be to the east of Moss End Garden Centre, not far from Frosts Folly car park.

See map at:

<https://www.harrowestates.co.uk/projects/warfield-sang-berkshire/>

What's On

Bracknell Forest Parks and Countryside

Wild Service Trees (*Sorbus torminalis*) at Jocks Lane

[Help to collect seed from the wild service tree, to preserve this important species.]

Saturday 23 September 2017

10:30 – 12:00

Meet at Jocks Lane Recreation Ground

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

https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/parks-events-prog-may-to-october-2017.pdf?RJXhd3XeE25xnfV90fDVp8n_TOnfT03S

Wildlife in Ascot

A talk by Helen Leonard about the work of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead tree management team.

Tuesday 12 September 2017, starts 20:00 (free to all)

Silwood Park, Ascot, see:

<http://www.wildlifeinascot.org/>

Thanks to Michael J. Norton Esq. for pointing this out

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