



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

31 October 2017

Shepherd Meadows

Leader: Jon Munday
Ranger: Richard Westwood

The group cleared along the ditch by the car park and burned cleared material on a bonfire. The weather was cloudy. Nine volunteers attended.

Previous visits

We worked at Shepherd Meadows on Valentine's Day, February 14 2017. We cut back undergrowth and did some crown lifting of trees. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire.

Shepherd Meadows

The site covers 40ha (100acres) of wet lowland meadow. This is now a very scarce habitat, and because of the important wildlife, Shepherd Meadows has been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by Natural England. Wildlife includes a large range of invertebrates, orange-tip butterflies and the devil's bit scabious. It is a good place to see kingfishers. Shepherd Meadows is named after the wildlife artist and noted conservationist David Shepherd.

The site is owned and run by Bracknell Forest Council. Shepherd Meadows is adjacent to Sandhurst Memorial Park, increasing the size of the wildlife corridor along the River Blackwater.

See: <https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/documents/shepherd-meadows-and-sandhurst-memorial-park-leaflet.pdf?.S.1.oCZMMJKNVkg5GMBfELJYR.fbQCy>

Coming up next

7 November 2017

Lily Hill Park

Bridge building.

Christmas trees from BBOWT:

Christmas trees for sale - from your local nature reserve



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Edgbarrow Woods Car Park, Wildmoor Heath, Sandhurst Road, Crowthorne near RG45 7PP

Saturday 9 December/Sunday 10 December 2017; 11.00 to 15.00

The trees are sourced from Wildmoor Heath and surrounding nature reserves. The Christmas trees - Scots pines - are sustainably grown, freshly cut the weekend of the sale and drop-resistant. Felling the trees on the nature reserves helps with the heathland management and restoration.

Mistletoe, holly, Wildlife Trust cards and calendars will also be on sale.

Come on down to Edgbarrow Woods Car Park, Wildmoor Heath the weekend of Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December to buy your Christmas tree and other goodies.

All proceeds go to the Wildlife Trust – Berks, Bucks & Oxon (BBOWT).

For further details visit <http://www.bbowt.org.uk/whats-on>

A few words about BBOWT:

About the local Wildlife Trust: the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) manages 90 nature reserves across the three counties.

It aims to bring nature into people's lives, giving them more natural green spaces to explore and to discover their local wildlife.

About Wildmoor Heath Nature Reserve: Wildmoor Heath is a rare lowland heathland, providing a rich habitat for wildlife. It covers 245 acres of heathland, bog and woodland – home to a rich, but fragile, community of insects, reptiles, birds, fungi, mosses and flowering plants.

Contributed by Barbara Halstead, BBOWT volunteer.

What's On

Community Litter Pick at Savernake Park

Thursday 16 November 2017

Meet at the car park at 10:00, task is scheduled to last about 2 hours.

Bracknell Forest Parks and Countryside

All Parks and Countryside events are listed at:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events>

Events to April 2018

<https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/documents/parks-events-prog-november-17-to-april-18.pdf?VGy1eW6B5kDoGmQezhyJoGJXLlrG.Mq>

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