



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**12 December 2017**

**Temple Copse**

**Leader: Richard Elsbury**

**Ranger: Luke Dawson**

We worked on plot 1, coppicing mostly hazel and burning the brash on a bonfire. Stakes and binders were retained for the Popes Meadow project.

The weather was cold and frosty at first, as our Chairman said, we were "copping ice"; later overcast and a bit milder.

Nine volunteers attended, and again we were pleased to welcome a new member to the group.

### ***Previous visits***

We last visited Temple Copse on 21 February 2017. We coppiced hazel and built a dead hedge with the coppiced material. Live hedge-laying was also done, and some layering of hazel.

### ***Temple Copse***

Temple Copse is one of the Three Copses in Binfield Parish. The others are Tinker's and Jock's Copse. Temple Copse is a fairly small area of woodland, but is a valued wildlife habitat. It is classified as ancient woodland (known to have been in existence since at least ca. 1600 CE). The Three Copses are classified as Local Nature Reserves (LNR) and Local Wildlife Sites (LWS).

The woodland is mainly oak and hazel. Noteworthy species include wild service tree (*Sorbus torminalis*), ragged robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*) and bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*).

See: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/parks-visit/three-copses>

## Coming up next

**19 December 2017**

**Christmas outing**

## BCV Christmas Outing

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 19 December BCV will be visiting the Reading Museum of Rural Life followed by a meal in the afternoon at the Golden Retriever.

Museum visit begins: 10:00

Table booked at Golden Retriever: 13:30

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