



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

2 January 2018

Wildmoor Heath Footpath 18

Leader: Jon Munday
Ranger: Richard Westwood

The group cleared trees from heathland and burnt the cleared material on a bonfire. Some work had already been done on tree clearance, and there were large piles of cut trees to be disposed of.

The weather was very wet at first, improving a bit later. All volunteers were thoroughly soaked by the end of the day and very dirty because of smuts from the fire. Nine volunteers were present.

Previous visits

We last visited Footpath 18 on 21 November 2017, when we cleared gorse, willow and birch from the heath and burnt the cleared material on a bonfire.

Wildmoor Heath

Wildmoor Heath is 91 hectares of heathland and is run by Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT).

The Reserve is on a slope, which is unusual for heathlands. Lowland heath is now a very threatened habitat, so this is a precious piece of countryside. The Reserve has a rich community of fungi, insects, reptiles, birds, mosses and flowering plants.

Most of the work we do on the site is controlling invasive species, especially Scots pine.

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

Coming up next

9 January 2018

Allsmoor Pond

Cutting and burning scrub.

Carmen Metson

We are very sorry to report that Carmen Metson, wife of Dr. David Metson, one of our long-standing members, passed away on 1 January 2018. Carmen had been ill for some time.

Deepest sympathies from all at Bracknell Conservation Volunteers to David in his sad loss.

John Dalzell

We reported the sad death of John Dalzell, a member of BCV since 2008, in the last Newsletter (No. 52).

The funeral service for John will be at Holy Trinity Church, Bracknell, on Monday January 8 at 12:15 pm. All are welcome.

There will then be a family-only service at the Crematorium.

There will be a buffet at the Grange Hotel, Bracknell, at about 14:30. All are welcome to attend.

The nearest car park is the Braccans Walk multi-storey.

Pollution in the Cut

A number of incidents of pollution in the Cut river in Bracknell have been reported. The Environment Agency has had to re-stock the river with fish after a recent incident.

http://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/15779531.Illegal_oil_dumps_kill_hundreds_of_fish_in_the_River_Cut/

What's on

Bracknell Forest Council

Heathland management at Wildmoor Heath: practical conservation work. Bring a packed lunch.

Wildmoor Heath car park, Crowthorne Road, RG45 7PP

Saturday 6 January 2018 10:00 – 13:30

Booking required: call 01344 354441

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