



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

9 January 2018

Allsmoor Pond

Leader: Graham Coe
Ranger: Rob Solomon

We cleared laurel and clumps of holly to open up an area close to the pond. Cleared material was burned on a bonfire.

A large amount of litter, especially beer cans, was removed from the site.

Weather was dull and overcast, but not cold.

A good turnout of thirteen volunteers attended.

Previous visits

We made 2 visits to Allsmoor Lane on 25 October and 8 November 2016. We cleared mostly rhododendron and bamboo. Cleared material was stacked for later removal.

Allsmoor Lane/Allsmoor Pond

I could find little information about this site.

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society has worked on a wildlife patch at Allsmoor Lane
<http://www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk/aboutus.html>

Allsmoor Field is a park run by Winkfield Parish Council:

<http://winkfieldnp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Autumn-2017-Newsletter-NDP-Website.pdf>

Allsmoor Pond is a balancing pond built as part of the Martins Heron development about 25 years ago. It is now used by anglers. Recorders of dragonflies in Bracknell have found that the pond is home to the small red-eyed damselfly.

<http://www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk/DragonflyReport2013.pdf>

Coming up next

16 January 2018

Whitegrove Copse

Boundary clearance and dead hedging.

Butterflies

The Big Butterfly Count is run every year by Butterfly Conservation. Last year gave very mixed results, possibly due to the above average rainfall in July and August.

Numbers of Red Admirals and Commas showed a significant increase over 2016. The Common Blue and Small Copper also bounced back after a bad year in 2016. The Gatekeeper did well, too.

Unfortunately, the three common "whites" (Large White, Small White and Green-veined White) all decreased as compared to 2016. The Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock are showing a worrying decline in numbers, and this did not improve in 2017.

See all the findings at: <http://www.bigbutterflycount.org/2017mainresults>

En Français

Did you know: the French for hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) is "**un charme**". What an appropriate name for a lovely tree.

What's on

Bracknell Forest Council

Community litter pick at Farningham Ride/Worlds End.

Car park off Horndean Road, Winkfield Row, RG12 0XQ

Wednesday 17 January 2018 10:00 – 12:00

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