



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**16 January 2018**

**Whitegrove Copse**

**Leader:** Jon Munday

**Ranger:** Alison Levy

We extended a dead hedge at the edge of the copse alongside Top Common. We first cut binders and stakes and hedging material from the woodland and then used this to add to the dead hedge which had been built previously.

Weather was fine and cold, and quite windy.

Twelve volunteers attended, here shown standing behind the completed hedge:



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### ***Previous visits***

We last visited Whitegrove Copse on 20 December 2016, our last task meeting for that year. We laid a hedge by the ditch alongside Top Common and coppiced three trees close to the path.

## **Whitegrove Copse**

This is an area of ancient woodland, dating from at least 1600. The copse was formerly part of the Holly Spring Estate, and was managed as cover for deer and pheasants. It has been managed by Bracknell Forest Council since 1996. The site is designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and Local Wildlife Site (LWS). An active programme of management by hazel coppicing is carried out by BCV and other conservation groups.

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

## **Coming up next**

**23 January 2018**

**Tinkers Copse**

Coppicing.

## Nightingale Crescent Triangle project

This project is being run by Bracknell Forest Natural History Society (BFNHS). The aim is to rejuvenate an area of woodland at the end of Nightingale Crescent, Harmanswater, just across the A322 from Bracknell Sports Centre. Tasks to be carried out include litter picking, clearance of *Rhododendron ponticum*, habitat creation and surveying of ground flora.

Some BCV members visited the site on 5 January. BCV have agreed to get involved in this project, and have provisionally agreed to hold two of our Tuesday tasks at the site, 6 February and 20 February, subject to confirmation.

This is a slightly unusual task in that the BFC rangers are not involved. The project will be run by BFNHS in conjunction with contractors, volunteers and the BFC biodiversity officer. Residents of Nightingale Crescent are also being invited to take part.

The events so far planned for this project are:

### **Residents and volunteers tasks (all invited):**

Saturday 20 January 2018                      10:00 – 15:00

Saturday 17 February 2018                      10:00 – 15:00

Saturday 17 March 2018                      10:00 – 15:00

### **BCV Tuesday tasks (check on website for confirmation):**

Tuesday 6 February 2018                      09:30 – 15:00

Tuesday 20 February 2018                      09:30 – 15:00

## What's on

### ***Warfield Environment Group***

Rhododendron clearance in Hayley Green wood.

Car park at Westmorland Park, RG42 3QP

Sunday 21 January 2018

10:30 – 14:00

### ***Contact Bracknell Conservation Volunteers***

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