



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

6 February 2018

Nightingale Triangle

Leader: Richard Elsbury

Ranger: Colin Griffin

The group continued renovation work at this neglected site. Nine volunteers attended, including a new volunteer. The weather was mostly overcast, and it snowed for about a minute.

Nightingale Triangle project

The first task session to start work on this project was held on Saturday 20 January. Several BCV volunteers and a good number of volunteers from Bracknell Forest Natural History Society (BFNHS) and local residents attended on a wet and miserable day.

Further events so far planned for this project are:

Residents and volunteers tasks (all invited):

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 20 February 2018 09:30 – 15:00

Coming up next

13 February 2018

Englemere Pond

Heathland management.

NB: Swinley Road appears to be closed at the junction with the A329 London Road due to roadworks. To access Englemere Pond from Bracknell use the A322 Bagshot Road and turn left on to A332 Swinley Road and then left again on to the B3017, or go along the A329 to the Heatherwood roundabout, then turn right down the A332 and right again on to the B3017.

Warfield Environment Group (WEG)

WEG has been nominated as a good cause in the Bracknell Forest Council recycling incentive scheme and will receive a share of £1000 based on the number of recycling reward points donated to the Group between now and Monday 30 April 2018. You can donate your recycling reward points to WEG by visiting:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/recycling-incentive-scheme/good-causes>

WEG will use the money to improve the local environment and increase biodiversity in the area, by buying more trees, shrubs, bulbs and seeds, and materials to build bird and bat boxes.

See poster:



BFC good cause
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Hedgehogs in trouble

Numbers of hedgehogs have halved in the UK:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-42959766>

Changed farming practices are thought to be the major cause:

<https://ptes.org/hedgehogs-on-the-edge/>

Our native plants: dogwood

Some of us who went to Popes Meadow on 30 January found ourselves cutting back dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*). This native plant can make a small tree, but usually grows as a suckering shrub:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/native-trees/dogwood/>

What's on

Berkshire Conservation Volunteers

Conservation task: clearing holly

Bill Hill

Sunday 18 February 2018 meet at 10:15 at the site

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT)

Evening talk: Mammal Recording - How Citizen Science is Informing Conservation

BBOWT Education Centre, Woolley Firs, Cherry Garden Lane, Maidenhead SL6 3LJ

Thursday 22 February 2018 19:30 – 10:00

See poster for details:



Mammal recording,
22 Feb 2018.pdf

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