



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

13 February 2018

Englemere Pond

Leader: Graham Coe

Ranger: Rob Solomon

The group worked on heathland near the London Road and the railway line. We removed silver birch trees and saplings to open up the heath to enable the heather to grow, and also pulled a lot of Scots pine seedlings from among the heather. The cleared material was burnt on a bonfire.

A good total of 13 volunteers bravely attended on a wet and rather miserable day.

Previous visits

We last visited Englemere Pond on a very warm 25 July 2017. The task was clearing silver birch and bracken and brambles to create room for the heather to regenerate.

Englemere Pond

Englemere Pond Nature Reserve covers an area of 27.6 Ha (68.2 acres). There is a shallow acidic lake surrounded by reed beds, forest and heathland. The Reserve was formerly part of the royal hunting forest, and is still part of the Crown Estate.

Important species on the site include adders, grass snakes and round-leaved sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*), a plant which is listed in Bracknell Borough's Biodiversity Action Plan.

See:

https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/documents/englemere-pond-nature-reserve-leaflet.pdf?QAFL9nQ_PVT0jsEurVv2r0MbZh.ICU8C

Coming up next

20 February 2018

Nightingale Triangle

Woodland renovation.

Nightingale Triangle project

Four volunteers from BCV attended the task session on Saturday 17 February. We helped to clear brambles, rhododendron and ivy from an area close to the entrance to the site. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire, although a large amount of material was left for burning, possibly by BCV at our task on 20 February.

The task was very well organised and there was a good turnout of BFNHS members and local residents. The weather was good all day, it was quite warm at some times.

Further events so far planned for this project are:

Residents and volunteers tasks (all invited):

Saturday 17 March 2018 10:00 – 15:00

BCV Tuesday task:

Tuesday 20 February 2018 09:30 – 15:00

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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What's on

Berkshire Conservation Volunteers

Conservation task: tba

Wildmoor (Edgbarrow woods)

Sunday 25 February 2018 meet at 10:15 at the Edgbarrow car park

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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