



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

10 July 2018

Horseshoe Lake

Task of the day was to put up the hay tent which had been bought by the rangers. Much of this task was completed, but the tent poles had not arrived, so the job could not be fully carried out. Some members of the group volunteered to go along on a different day to help complete the job, but in the event the tent poles did not arrive until Monday following. We understand that the tent has since been completed, presumably by another group. All volunteers helped to unload the parts of the tent, afterwards some volunteers pulled Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) from areas near the car park. Seventeen volunteers attended. The weather was warm and sunny.

17 July 2018

Lily Hill Park

The first task was to continue with the log edging around the wild flower meadow. Other volunteers removed willow saplings which are encroaching on the meadow. Some further vegetation near the meadow was removed.

Nineteen volunteers attended; this equals our previous record turnout on 24 April 2018 at Peacock Meadows.

The weather was warm and sunny, but mercifully not quite as warm as it has been recently.

Coming up next

24 July 2018

Blackmoor Pond

Artificial kingfisher nest site:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=491055&Y=169466&A=Y&Z=110&ax=491119&ay=169596>

31 July 2018

Blackmoor Pond

Artificial kingfisher nest site

Chobham Common

Chobham Common is one of the most important lowland heathland sites near to our area. It is the largest National Nature Reserve in the south-east of England. One of our volunteers has pointed out that car parking charges are being introduced here. A large amount of work is being done to install posts and yellow line markings to prevent unauthorised parking. Although we appreciate that councils are strapped for cash, this will inevitably have a detrimental effect for visitors who may find charges of £5 per day prohibitive. The introduction of the charges is highly controversial for many locals:

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/posts-installed-chobham-common-controversial-14581281>

Kingfisher nest site:

We are due at Blackmoor Pond for 2 weeks (24 and 31 July) to install artificial kingfisher nest sites. Here is an example of an artificial kingfisher or sand martin nest site:

http://www.schwegler-natur.de/portfolio_1408366639/eisvogel-uferschwalbenbrutroehre/?lang=en

We don't know whether this will be the kind of nest site which we will be installing.

This work is part of the Kingfisher Flyway Project being run by Ascot Wildlife:

<https://sites.google.com/site/wildlifeinascot/kingfisher-flyway>

Nightingale Triangle

Members of our group have done a substantial amount of work at the Nightingale Triangle site, in cooperation with the Friends of Nightingale Triangle. We are due for a Tuesday session at this site on 11 September.

Unfortunately there has been a break-in at a house in Firlands adjoining the Triangle woodland. We believe that the householder involved expressed concerns about the security aspects of the clearance work behind his garden.

<http://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/16350609.thieves-steal-cash-from-house-in-harmans-water/>

What's on

Friends of Nightingale Triangle

Maintenance work party at the Triangle

Saturday 4 August **10:00 – 12:00**

Berkshire Conservation Volunteers

Himalayan balsam clearance at Horseshoe Lake

Sunday 22 July 2018 **start 10:15**

Meet at car park in Mill Lane:

<http://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=482060&Y=162057&A=Y&Z=120>

Heathland work at Englemere Pond

Sunday 29 July 2018 **start 10:15**

Meet in car park:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=490092&Y=168421&A=Y&Z=115>.

Warfield Environment Group

Bat Walk at Westmorland Park

Saturday 8 September 2018

For full information see:



bat walk poster
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