



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

21 August 2018

School Hill

Some members of the group scythed the meadow at the base of the hill.

BCV last carried out an autumn cut of the meadow on 28 July 2015, and we did a spring cut on 29 March 2016.

Other volunteers cut laurel and holly from among other trees at the top of the hill. Cut material was burnt on a bonfire. We also cleared reedmace (aka bulrushes) from the pond. 20 volunteers attended, this is our best turnout ever.

The weather was cloudy and very humid.

School Hill

School Hill does not seem to be mentioned on the Bracknell Forest Council website. There was a school (called Scotland Hill school) on the site from 1871 – 1970:

<https://planapp.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?previousCaseType=Property&previousKeyVal=IZ5GE6BVN3361&activeTab=summary&previousCaseUpn=010022824384&previousCaseNumber=IZ5GE6BVN3360&keyVal=K3H3J1BV09Y00>

Scotland Hill is the continuation of School Hill to the east of the site. Subsequently New Scotland Hill school was built in Grampian Way, which curiously is not on Scotland Hill at all. For memories of the old Scotland Hill School see:

<http://www.sandhurst.gov.uk/history.html>

and

https://www.francisfrith.com/uk/little-sandhurst/scotland-hill-school_memory-331171

28 August 2018

Quintilis (Nine Mile Ride)

For many volunteers this was their first visit to this site, although some members who have been with the group longer remember at least one previous visit. Unfortunately, there are no records of previous visits.

Parking in Quintilis was relatively easy. The site is a substantial area of woodland with oak, sycamore and Scots pine predominating. The path running through the woodland towards Nine Mile Ride is known as Dry Pond Ride. There is a playground in the woodland area run by Bracknell Town Council.

We worked on a side path, beyond the footbridge, clearing mostly laurel and rhododendron. Cleared material was piled ready for chipping.

The weather was overcast and cool. 18 volunteers attended.

Coming up next

4 September 2018

Englemere Pond

Wetland management. Wellies are advisable. Park at the Englemere Pond car park off Swinley Road:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=490131&Y=168568&A=Y&Z=110&ax=490166&ay=168453>

11 September 2018

Nightingale Triangle

Woodland regeneration. Park in Firlands:

<http://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=485722&Y=166327&A=Y&Z=110>

Frost Folly Park

There is a brand-new park at Frost Folly in Warfield. The area near the car park is a SANG (suitable alternative natural greenspace), which developers are required to fund with the aim of offsetting some of the environmental impact of building work. The car park has been resurfaced, and there are footpaths around the grassland. Two ponds have been created.

Frost Folly car park is off Wellers Lane, Warfield RG42 6EN.

What's on

Friends of Nightingale Triangle

Regular maintenance sessions start again on:

Saturday 29 September **10:00 – 15:00**

[BCV have a task at Nightingale Triangle on 11 September]

Bracknell Forest Parks and Countryside

Hazel harvesting and bonfire. *[Join the rangers to harvest hazel (good for beanpoles) and enjoy the warmth of a bonfire while you work.]*

Saturday 29 September 2018 **13:00 – 15:00**

Meet at Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY.

Warfield Environment Group

Bat Walk at Westmorland Park

Saturday 8 September 2018

For full information see:



bat walk poster
080918.pdf

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Bisham Woods: a talk on flora and fauna by Frances Halstead

Monday 17 September **19:30 – 21:30**

Recital Room at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

Cost £3 for visitors, £1 for members of BFNHS

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