



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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19 December 2019

What we've been doing

3 December 2019

The Parks

We started off removing tree guards at the southern end of the park, which was completed by about coffee time, and we then went on to remove more tree guards at the other end of the park. Other volunteers worked at removing bamboo and laurel/rhododendron from the woodland. The growth of bamboo is very extensive, and very difficult to remove.

20 volunteers attended. The weather was mild for the time of year. It remained dry but overcast.



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10 December 2019

Osman's Close

The main task here was thinning holly from around oak trees and burning the cleared material on a bonfire. Some hazel whips were planted. A number of yew trees (*Taxus baccata*) are growing in the woodland; one of these was cleared of encroaching holly.

20 volunteers attended. The weather was cloudy with occasional showers. It had been forecast that there would be heavy rain, but we were fairly lucky, with only a few light showers. It was quite warm for the time of year.



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17 December 2019

Edmunds Lane

We met at Westmorland Park, and walked to the site from there, which was quite a long walk to start the day, especially when carrying tools.

We coppiced hazel along the path, close to the Harvest Ride crossing. Larger branches were made into log piles, smaller material was piled ready for chipping at a later date.

Unfortunately, one volunteer received an injury to his eye from a hazel branch, which required investigation in hospital. Fortunately, he should make a full recovery, albeit with blurred vision for some time. Task leaders may need to re-emphasize the need for volunteers to wear eye protection.

We had a very good turnout of 25 volunteers. We were very glad to welcome a volunteer who lives locally and joined us when he saw us working.

The weather was overcast, with some light rain. It was mild for the time of year.

Many thanks to the BFC rangers, who kindly presented BCV with a large box of biscuits.



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Coming up next

7 January 2020

Garth Meadows

Vegetation clearance.

Park in the Lark's Hill car park, there is usually adequate parking space here.

<https://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=486357&y=170590&z=110>

RG42 2HT

SU863705

14 January 2020

Wykery Copse

Hazel coppicing/weaving and maybe dam work.

Meet at the Crutchley Wood (eastern) side of the copse. There is some street parking in Butler Drive

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=485154&Y=168740&Z=106>

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More light for BCV garage

Michael J Norton Esq has obtained a long-awaited battery-operated light for the BCV garage. This will be used relatively infrequently, so the batteries should last for some time.

What's on

Binfield Environment Group

Work party at **Wicks Green, Binfield**

Saturday 21 December 2019

For details and to register see:

<https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/event-info/wicks-green-winter-work-party>

Great Hollands Community Centre

Quiz night at GH Community Centre

Saturday 25 January 2020

19:00

£5 per person, including supper (jacket potato or ploughman's)

Contact Karen on 0743 208 0762 to book and record preferences for food

Wildlife in Ascot

Wildlife quiz at the **Stag**, Ascot High Street

Monday 27 January 2020

19:00 (tbc)

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