



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**18 December 2018**

**Garth Meadows**

We cut down blackthorn adjacent to the hedge in a "scaloped" pattern to enhance habitat diversity for invertebrates, and cleared previously cut material (mostly blackthorn). The brash was burned on a bonfire.

We had a good turnout of 20. The weather was breezy with sunny periods, fairly mild for the time of year.

**1 January 2019**

**Nine Mile Ride (Madingley)**

We cleared rhododendron from an area of birch trees, and burnt cleared material on a bonfire. The rhododendron trees were extremely large and extremely tangled, and we were very pleased with the impact we made on them.

We received favourable feedback on rhododendron clearance from a number of passers-by. For a New Years' Day task we had a very good turnout of 11 people. Parking was difficult in Madingley because of the number of parked vehicles; this is clearly a drawback of having a task on a public holiday.

The weather was very pleasant and mild with occasional brighter periods.

## Coming up next

**8 January 2019**

**Westmorland Park**

Hazel coppicing. Meet at designated car park:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=488603&Y=170622&A=Y&Z=110&ax=488653&ay=170817>

**15 January 2019**

**Frog Copse**

Holly reduction. Street parking in Frog Lane:

<http://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=486494&Y=168763&A=Y&Z=106>

## Praise for volunteers

Bracknell Forest councillor Iain McCracken (Executive Member for Culture, Resources and Public Protection ) has praised the work of volunteers in helping to provide services to the borough, such as libraries, parks and schools.

Currently, 1640 volunteers help maintain parks and countryside in Bracknell Forest.

The Council would like to see more volunteers: anyone who wants to volunteer is urged to contact:

<https://bracknellforestgetinvolved.org.uk/>

<https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/17275257.international-volunteers-day-huge-number-of-bracknell-residents-give-up-time-for-council-led-services/>

## Safety goggles?

At the 1 January task, a volunteer was poked in the eye by a branch. The injury was very painful, but fortunately healed without treatment. The vegetation at this task was particularly tangled, which may have contributed to this event.

BCV volunteers may want to consider wearing safety goggles at such sites.

## Wildlife quiz

Wildlife in Ascot are holding a Wildlife Quiz at the Stag, Ascot, on Monday 28 January 2019 at 18:30.

One of our members is involved in organising the quiz, and will make an announcement at our next task on 8 January. We hope that BCV can put together a team to contest the quiz.

See poster:



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## What's on

### ***Friends of Nightingale Triangle***

Regular maintenance session:

**Saturday 5 January 2019**

**10:00 – 15:00**

### ***Contact Bracknell Conservation Volunteers***

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