



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

8 January 2019

Westmorland Park

We coppiced hazel, continuing along the path from where we had worked at a previous task (13/11/18). The brash was burnt on a bonfire, and some material was saved as hedging posts and binders. A householder living locally had expressed some concern about losing cover for her boundary fence, so in the afternoon we constructed a dead hedge to screen part of the fence.

The weather was sunny and quite warm.

We had a record turnout of 25 volunteers: in 2017 and the first half of 2018 we were averaging 10-12 volunteers on a good day; there seems to have been an influx of new volunteers from about the start of July 2018. This is very good news for the group.

15 January 2019

Frog Copse

We cleared holly and laurel on the Downshire Way side of the site, leaving a screen of trees adjacent to the side of the road. The impending widening of Downshire Way will probably mean that these trees will be cleared anyway. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire. The BFC ranger trailed in some more material, mostly holly, from Bill Hill, which was also burnt. Parking was easier than expected in this small street.

We had a very good turnout of 22 people.

The weather was cloudy and mild, with a slight northerly breeze.

Coming up next

22 January 2019

Shepherds Meadow

Scrub clearance. There is ample parking here; meet at designated car park:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=484884&Y=160789&A=Y&Z=110&ax=484866&ay=160671>

29 January 2019

Long Hill Park

Rhododendron clearance. There is a reasonable amount of parking space; meet in designated car park:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=489343&Y=169309&A=Y&Z=110&ax=489343&ay=169309>

Consultation on blueprint

Residents in Bracknell Forest Council area have the chance to comment on the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan. This plan sets out how local green space and the environment in general will be protected.

For details of how to comment, see:

<http://bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk/bracknell/bracknell-town-neighbourhood-plan/>

Here is the plan:

<http://bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/nplan/BTNLAll.pdf>

Horseshoe Lake

Bracknell Foest Council is proposing to convert Horseshoe Lake into a country park, which would mean that a cafe and a playground could be added.

See Bracknell News:

<https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/17327435.beloved-horseshoe-lake-in-sandhurst-could-become-a-country-park-in-council-plans-to-boost-income/>

BCV last visited Horseshoe Lake, Sandhurst, on 10 July 2018, when we carried out Himalayan balsam pulling.

What's on

Berkshire Conservation Volunteers

Sunday 20 January 2019

start 10:15

Heathland scrub clearance at Wildmoor

Meet in car park:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=483850&Y=163050&A=Y&Z=115>

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Evening talk: "How to be an urban birder" by David Lindo

Recital Room, South Hill Park

Monday 21 January 2019

19:30 – 21:30

Cost for BFNHS members £1, visitors £5, pre-booking essential to guarantee a seat; event is likely to be very popular.

To book, e-mail Ray Hodges: bfhnsPublicity@outlook.com

Jealotts Hill Community Landshare

Wassail orchard ceremony (guided walks are fully booked, other events are free):

Sunday 27 January 2019

from 14:30

See poster:



wassail poster 2019
Walks full.pdf

Wildlife in Ascot

Wildlife Quiz at the Stag, Ascot High Street

Monday 28 January 2019

18:30

See poster:



Wildlife Quiz poster
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Friends of Nightingale Triangle

Regular maintenance session:

Saturday 2 February 2019

10:00 – 15:00

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