



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**16 April 2019**

### **Cabbage Hill**

We removed tree guards and stakes from trees which had been planted by the developer. Some trees had died, and were removed altogether. Some Corsican pines had been planted with the other trees, and these were cut off at ground level. Corsican pine is a non-native species which is not particularly desirable in this kind of planting. There were two kinds of tree guards in place: biodegradable flexible guards and non-biodegradable more robust guards. The biodegradable tree guards were a problem as they broke into pieces when handled. Some of the non-biodegradable tree guards were left in place if they contained living trees. Tree guards and bamboo canes and stakes were gathered together and removed in the ranger's trailer.

Other volunteers moved waste bins, They had been placed too near seats. The bins can be smelly, especially if they are used for dog waste. They were re-sited about halfway between seats. This was a very difficult job, since they had been concreted in, and had to be removed together with the concrete.

A total of 23 volunteers attended, and we were very glad to welcome 2 new volunteers. The weather was cloudy with a slight breeze, and fairly mild. Skylarks were singing, and bluebells were in flower in Long Copse, although they were not quite at their peak.



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## 23 April 2019

## Ambarrow Court

We did a number of tasks:

1. We fitted tree guards and stakes to a new hedgerow
2. We removed dead grass from the meadow, from areas which had been sprayed with weedkiller in preparation for sowing of wildflower seeds
3. A path was moved; as part of this process bluebells were transplanted and woodchip was barrowed in to make the new path
4. An old estate fence was removed
5. A stag beetle loggery sign was re-located
6. Benches were prepared and painted with preservative

We welcomed 18 volunteers; the weather was warm but overcast.

## Coming up next

### 30 April 2019

### Lily Hill Park

Construction of equipment port.

Park in main (north) designated car park off Lily Hill Road:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=488766&Y=169407&A=Y&Z=110>

### 7 May 2019

### Napier Woods

Laurel removal and boundary clearance. Street parking in Napier Road:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=484287&y=163972&z=106&sv=484287,163972&st=4&mapp=map.srf&searchp=ids.srf&dn=793&ax=484287&ay=163972&lm=0>

If there are no parking spaces, try parking in Upper Broadmoor Road and walk through the woods:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=484677&y=164185&z=106&sv=484677,164185&st=4&mapp=map.srf&searchp=ids.srf&dn=793&ax=484677&ay=164185&lm=0>

## Annual General Meeting

The proposed date for the 2019 Annual General Meeting of BCV is Tuesday 4 June, at Lily Hill Park. A draft agenda has been circulated to the group, so please think about any items you would like to have discussed.

## Woodland wildlife

The Woodland Wildlife Toolkit is a website for owners and managers of woodlands which provides information on over 70 species of woodland wildlife. You can enter a location to find out the important wildlife species in your area, and obtain guidance about wildlife management. The website has been set up by seven conservation bodies including the Woodland Trust and Plantlife.

<https://woodlandwildlifetoolkit.sylva.org.uk/>

Use the Toolkit function to search for species. (For example, try searching for Wykery Copse).

<https://woodlandwildlifetoolkit.sylva.org.uk/toolkit>

## What's on

### ***Wildlife in Ascot***

Guided Walk around Englemere Pond

**Saturday 27 April 2019**

**meet at 14:00, finish 15:00**

Englemere Pond, meet at designated car park on Swinley Road

SL5 8BA

Grid ref: SU905685 / £3 adults, children free

### ***Jealotts Hill Community Landshare***

Friends and Family Fete (stalls, refreshments, plant sales, 6-acre site to explore, displays on bees, moths and other insects)

**Saturday 18 May 2019**

**12:00 – 16:00**

Jealotts Hill Community Landshare, Wellers Lane, at the jct of Penfurzen Lane, Warfield RG42 6BQ

See poster:



Friends & Family  
Fete poster.pdf

### ***Bracknell Forest Natural History Society***

Evening talk on "The Return of Large Carnivores" by **Dr. Adriana Consorte McCrea**, conservation biologist at Canterbury Christ Church University

**Monday 20 May 2019**

**19:30 – 21:30**

South Hill Park, Recital Room, £1 members, £3 for non-members.

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