



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

14 July 2020

South Hill Park/Tarmans Copse

We weeded and spread woodchip around a mature oak tree at SHP. Other volunteers weeded in the rose garden. 9 volunteers attended SHP

8 volunteers erected an information board and did hazel coppicing at Tarmans Copse.

21 July 2020

Northerams Wood

We removed a failed wire and post fence and piled the cleared material in the ranger's trailer for disposal.

We also repaired holes in the side of the pond liner. 14 volunteers attended. The weather was fine and sunny and dry.

28 July 2020

Horseshoe Lake

The task was Himalayan balsam pulling. Balsam stems were piled for later disposal. 12 volunteers attended.

4 August 2020

Peacock Meadow South

We did ragwort pulling. Cleared material was left in piles at the edge of the meadow for later collection by the ranger. The ragwort stems will be piled locally and left to rot down instead of going to landfill. 16 volunteers attended. The weather was warm and initially sunny, but it clouded over by lunchtime.

11 August 2020

Peacock Meadow South/North

We pulled ragwort in Peacock Meadow South. A bin and notice board were installed near the car park: this proved to be a somewhat punishing job in the heat.

The fence for the beehives near Big Wood was started but not finished. 14 volunteers attended. The weather was very hot.

18 August 2020

FP 7 Warfield Church

Two subgroups worked on removing 2 x slam "squeeze" gates near Malt Hill. These were replaced with swing gates opening into the field and footpath. Another subgroup pulled bulrushes from the pond in the lower part of the Frost Folly green space. 15 volunteers attended. The weather was changeable: dry, then wet, then dry again.

25 August 2020

Englemere Pond

We cleared invasive scrub, mostly birch (*Betula pendula*) between a heathland area and the car park, and burnt cleared material on a bonfire. 11 volunteers attended. The day was drizzly. The bonfire started first time without any assistance!

The area we were working in contained a number of alder buckthorn trees (*Frangula alnus*) planted to encourage brimstone butterflies: we cleared vegetation around some of these trees but left the trees themselves alone.

1 September 2020

Cabbage Hill

We took out an old gate and cut the fence ready for a new gate. We installed the new gate and put up a "Welcome to Cabbage Hill" sign. We put up 2 other signs and cleared bracken from Long Copse. 14 volunteers attended. The weather was sunny.

8 September 2020

Frost Folly

Wellers Lane was closed for roadworks, so we were not able to park in Frost Folly car park. We found ample parking opposite Warfield Church.

One group installed 3 x gates on Footpath 7 and worked on path clearance.

A subgroup cleared reeds from the Frost Folly ponds. 15 volunteers attended. The weather was overcast but very warm and muggy.

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