



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

13 October 2020

Newt Reserve/Garth Meadows

We met at the Lark's Hill car park, and divided into groups of about 6. One group went to the newt reserve off Flemish Place, the other 2 groups went to Garth Meadows. Some of the groups going to Garth Meadows moved their cars to the Jock's Lane car park, which was somewhat nearer to walk to Garth Meadows.

The volunteers at the Newt Reserve cleared vegetation around the pond.

In Garth Meadows, volunteers cleared blackthorn scrub regrowth and part of a blackthorn thicket. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire. As ever, blackthorn was difficult to cut; the spiny branches become entangled with one another and are not easy to pull apart.

The thorns are vicious: 2 volunteers found thorns penetrating the full thickness of their boots.

15 volunteers attended, the weather was dry with bright spells. Cows were grazing in the meadow, they gathered round us several times, but were just curious.



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20 October 2020

Westmorland Park

As usual, we divided into three subgroups of about 6. One group carried out bramble clearance in Hayley Green woods, and piled cleared material ready for disposal.

Another group built a bug hotel and 3 compost bins from pallets. A stag beetle loggery was also installed.

Group 3 cleared weeds from under a magnificent veteran oak tree. We were unable to complete the task: further work is needed. BCV worked at weed clearance around this tree on 6 August 2019 and 30 April 2019: this is a continuing task.

The weather was dry and surprisingly mild for October: it was mostly cloudy but there were some sunny intervals.

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Coming up next

27 October 2020

School Hill

Step replacement and laurel clearance (there will be no fire).

On-street parking in School Hill.

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=483143&y=162186&z=106>

GU47 8LD

SU831621

3 November 2020

Wildmoor Heath

Scrub clearance. Meet in the main car park:

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=483846&y=163059&z=110>

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What's on

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Work party at **Nightingale Triangle**

Saturday 7 November 2020

10:00 – 12:00

Binfield Environment Group

Work party (details to be announced)

Saturday 21 November 2020

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