



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

8 December 2020

Wildmoor Heath

We continued cutting pine, birch and some gorse in an area close to where we had worked on 3 November. To the relief of volunteers we worked mostly on the uphill side of the path, avoiding the deep ditches where we worked previously. 11 volunteers attended.

The weather was cold initially and foggy. "Ice pearls" had formed on the tips of birch branches and pine needles, these were very attractive. The sun came out later, and it was a very pleasant day for the time of year. Unfortunately the ice pearls melted, and we were showered with cold water when we sat under a tree.



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Farningham Ride

We last worked at this site on 2 July 2019. The task today was to clear vegetation from a boundary on the eastern side of the path. We worked southwards along the boundary. Cleared material was piled to await removal. There has been growth of black cherry (*Prunus serotina*) at this site, so we concentrated on removing as much as possible of this invasive non-native species. There are other invasive species on site, including variegated yellow archangel *Lamium galeobdolon ssp. argentatum*", *Cotoneaster* sp. and *Pyracantha* sp.

15 volunteers attended. The weather was reasonably mild with sunny spells.



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Lily Hill Park

Task cancelled on advice of BFC rangers because of imposition of tier 4 restrictions.

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