



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**3 August 2021**

**Cabbage Hill**

We parked at Jocks Lane and made our way to the fields beyond Long Copse.

Task 1 was to weed between saplings planted in a hedgerow. Some of the saplings still had tree guards on, and we removed those.

Task 2 was to hold our AGM, which ran from about 11:00 to 12:00.

Task 3 was ragwort pulling from the lower field.

The weather was dry and sunny and quite hot.

19 volunteers attended.



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## 10 August 2021

## Warfield Chase

This was a new site for us. Warfield Chase is remarkably well-hidden, off Westmorland Drive.

The task was to clear round the fruit trees in the community orchard. Trees comprised pear trees, apple and a couple of plum trees. The trees were mostly very overgrown with long grass; this was removed with shears and circles about 1M in diameter were cleared around the base of the trees. Heavy overgrowth of sloe (blackthorn) had to be removed in some cases. Brash was piled in sheltered locations north of the Chase and in the centre, by the road.

16 volunteers attended, weather was cloudy to start and sunny later, getting quite warm.

Dragonflies were quartering the orchard, and a number of gatekeeper butterflies were basking on the bramble stems. Salad burnet seedheads were present in the field.



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## Coming up next

**17 August 2021**

**Ambarrow Court**

Task: pond digging

**24 August 2021**

**Englemere Pond**

Task: rhododendron clearance

## What's on

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

Conservation work at Allen's Field. Meet in the car park off Liddell Way off Bouldish Farm Road, South Ascot SL5 9UZ.

**Saturday 14 August 2021**

**09:30 – 12:30**

Dress for gardening work, organised by Groundwork South. Contact Dhush.Selvarajah@groundwork.org.uk for more info.

### ***Binfield Environment Group***

Walk: please can you let us know if you are interested in joining us and if so, which of the 3 options described on our events page you would prefer. <https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/event-info/nature-walks-2>

**Saturday 21 August 2021**

### ***Warfield Environment Group***

"Join us for a gentle 8km (5 mile) walk, visiting some of the areas we work in and seeing some of the sights of Warfield."

**Saturday 11 September 2021**

**14:30 – 16:30**

**Free, but booking is essential: book tickets and details of where to meet at:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-great-weg-wander-tickets-158430185951>

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