



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

31 August 2021

Farley Wood Copse

The task was clearing vegetation from the two sets of tennis courts, and also from two paths, one of them close to a childrens' play area. We started weeding around the small hedges originally planted by BCV on 1 December 2020. Some of the debris was loaded into the BFC ranger's van to be moved to Lark Hill for later burning.

The weather was overcast, as so frequently lately, with a few spells of light drizzle. 16 volunteers attended.

7 September 2021

Savernake Park

- 1) a pile of planings was removed and used to fill in potholes in the car park
- 2) bindweed was removed from 2 flower beds in the car park
- 3) we created a hurdle hedge, about knee high, around the edge of the path and around a terraced bed near the lake, to prevent geese from eating the heather.

We had a good turnout of 20 volunteers, and were very pleased to welcome back two volunteers who have worked with us before.

The weather was sunny and hot for the time of year.

Coming up next

14 September 2021

The Parks

Task: clearing out planting areas

21 September 2021

Hayley Green Wood

Task: vegetation clearing and bulb planting

Trees doing badly

About 30% of tree species in the world are under threat of extinction, because of climate change, habitat loss and human encroachment, according to a report from Botanic Gardens Conservation International.

Read the report:

<https://www.bgci.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FINAL-GTARreportMedRes-1.pdf>

Dragonflies doing not so badly

“The State of Dragonflies in Britain and Ireland 2021 report, just published online by the British Dragonfly Society (BDS), shows that dragonflies are bucking the trend of declining species in Britain and Ireland. In the dragonfly world there have been far more gains than losses. Over 40% of resident and regular migrant species have increased since 1970, while only 11% have declined. Although this sounds like good news for dragonflies, it is in fact yet another indicator of climate change. Dragonflies are a mainly tropical group of insects, so most will benefit from rising average temperatures.” *[Press release from British Dragonfly Society accessed 070921]*

Read the report

<https://british-dragonflies.org.uk/recording/state-of-dragonflies-2021/>

What's on

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>

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Evening talk: **The Importance of Seeds**

Monday 20 September 2021

19:30 – 21:30

Recital Room, South Hill Park.

BFNHS members £1 Visitors £3 on the door.

See poster:

<http://www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk/2021SeptSeeds.pdf>

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