



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**23 November 2021**

**Caesars Camp**

We worked to separate clumps of gorse by cutting round the edges. Cleared material was dragged to a bonfire site away from this scheduled monument site.

The weather was sunny. 18 volunteers attended, and we were very pleased to welcome a new volunteer.



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**30 November 2021**

## **Lily Hill Park/Starch Copse**

We cleared bramble from an area in Starch Copse near a crossroads of two paths which has many specimen *Rhododendron* trees. Our instructions were to clear bramble to expose the *Rhododendron*, but not to cut back the *Rhododendron* themselves. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire.

The weather was cloudy and relatively warm after a very cold day on Monday. 19 volunteers attended.



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## **Coming up next**

**7 December 2021**

**Temple Copse**

Task: bramble clearance

**14 December 2021**

**The Parks**

Task: rhododendron clearance

## Wind farms and birds

Renewable resources may also have adverse effects. Considerable numbers of birds are killed by wind turbine blades, especially if the turbines are badly sited. See the RSPB discussion on this topic:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/policy-insight/climate-change/action-to-tackle-climate-change/uk-energy-policy/wind-farms/>

## Return of the northern pool frog

Our rarest species of frog, the northern pool frog, became extinct in the UK in the 1990s. The Norfolk Wildlife Trust has now successfully reintroduced the frog to its Thompson Common nature reserve:

<https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/news-and-articles/news/all-news/2021-07-27-historic-reintroduction-revers>

## Dartford warblers bounce back at Wildmoor

The Dartford warblers at Wildmoor Heath suffered a decrease in numbers following cold winters after 2010. The population now seems to have rebounded. This species may be benefitting from climate change.

**Ref:** Wild (BBOWT newsletter) Winter 2021

## What's on

### ***Bracknell Forest Natural History Society (BFNHS)***

**Working party at Nightingale Triangle**

**Saturday 4 December 2021**

**10:00 – 14:45**

Street parking in Firlands.

### ***Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT)***

**Christmas tree sale at Wildmoor Heath**

**Saturday 4 December 2021**

**11:00 – 15:00**



A4 Poster - Wildlife  
Trusts Christmas Tree

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

**Conservation work at Allen's Field**

**Saturday 11 December 2021**

**09:30 – 12:30**

Meet in the car park off Liddell Way off Bouldish Farm Rd South Ascot SL5 9UZ  
Volunteers organised by Groundwork South. Dress for gardening work. Contact  
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