



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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23 December 2021

What we've been doing

7 December 2021

Temple Copse

We were unable to do the planned coppicing since the Tree Preservation Order (TPO), which applies to the whole of Temple Copse, had lapsed. Instead we cleared bramble in a sizeable area near the entrance from Dunford Place, and we also cleared an area between hazel stools after lunch. A small group built a pen from existing cut material where the cleared brambles were piled.

The weather was dry to start with, but became increasingly wet as storm Barra approached. By general agreement, we finished after lunch.

We had a relatively low turnout of 11 volunteers, probably due to the dismal weather.



Photo is of a beautifully constructed nest made of moss and feathers, possibly built by a long-tailed tit.

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14 December 2021

The Parks

We cut rhododendron and holly from an area on the southern side of the site, near Glenwood. Cut material was burnt on a bonfire. The weather was cloudy. 14 volunteers attended.

We were complimented on our work by 4 separate dog-walkers.



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Wildmoor Heath

On the day of the Winter Solstice (shortest day of the year) we continued cutting gorse from the point where we left off at the last task (15 November 2021). Cleared material was burnt on a fire, and we made a hole in the vegetation to provide access to the fire.

We had a good turnout of 14 volunteers. The weather was cool and breezy, with 8 octas cloud cover. There were some brief sunny periods later in the day.

21 December 2021

Evening meal/Peacock Farm

14 of us gathered at Peacock Farm for an evening meal. The food and service were excellent, very generous portions of Christmas dinner, although the restaurant was rather cold. We enjoyed a couple of rounds of Christmas quiz questions.

Coming up next

4 January 2022

South Hill Park

Task: tba

11 January 2022

Wildmoor Heath

Task: gorse clearance, continuing work on firebreak

Tiny forests

The concept of tiny forest comes from Japan. These very small areas of forest pack a lot of biodiversity into a small area, about the size of a tennis court.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9c_Zlmqcgw

Ancient trees

The Woodland Trust has a map of ancient trees in the UK at its ancient tree inventory:

<https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

At least one ancient oak has been recorded in Mill Park, Wildridings.

What's on

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society (BFNHS)

Working party at Nightingale Triangle

Saturday 1 January 2022

10:00 – 14:45

Street parking in Firlands.

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