



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

15 March 2022

Wykery Copse

We last worked on coppicing at this site on 18 January 2022. Today we carried on working in the same parcel of woodland, 1 of 7 parcels to give a 7-year rotation. We coppiced hazel stools and stacked the brash. Other volunteers worked to protect stools from deer grazing with poles and woven branches.

We had a very good turnout of 22 volunteers. The weather was cloudy with no wind. It was warm for the time of year.



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22 March 2022

Caesars Camp

We removed short pine trees, by pulling, lopping and sawing. Cleared material was piled by the track. The weather was sunny, with some cloud. 13 volunteers attended.

A Dartford warbler was heard and seen singing from the top of a gorse bush.



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29 March 2022

Cabbage Hill

The first task was to spread woodchip over bare patches of two woodland paths. The other task was ragwort pulling. Some plants are still very small, but there were some good-sized rosettes of leaves, and these were easier to remove than in the height of summer.

15 volunteers attended. The weather was cool initially, then warming up somewhat, although a cold wind made itself felt later.

A kestrel was hovering while we had lunch. Skylarks were singing for much of the day. Primroses, cowslips, stitchwort and blackthorn were flowering, and bluebells were beginning to show colour in Big Copse.



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Coming up next

5 April 2022

Lily Hill Park

Task: repair lych gate plus continue scrub clearance on site of Old Foresters Pub

12 April 2022

Garth Pond

Task: pond dig

What's on

Wildlife in Ascot

Conservation work at Allens Field

Saturday 9 April 2022

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 ascot.wildlife@gmail.com for more info.

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society (BFNHS)

'Life on a biodynamic country estate'

Evening talk by Niki McCann

Monday 11 April 2022

start 19:30

Recital Room, South Hill Park: £1 for members, £3 for visitors, pay on door

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