



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**14 June 2022**

**Frost Folly**

We started out at the pond and searched for ragwort on the margin of the meadow. Any ragwort present was removed, bagged and collected. The ground was too hard for forks to penetrate, plants had to be pulled up by hand. We also removed reed mace and willow from the edge of the pond. This material was piled on the bank to create a habitat pile.

The weather was sunny, with no cloud, and quite hot. There were many choppers (helicopters) flying over, presumably ferrying visitors to Royal Ascot. 10 volunteers attended.



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**21 June 2022**

## **Peacock Meadows South**

The task was ragwort pulling. Plants came out quite easily, particularly the many small plants. Butterflies were quite common: marbled white, small heath and meadow browns were very active.

We discovered one spike of pyramidal orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) near the car park. Other flowers in the meadow included common centaury (*Centaureum erythraea*), betony (*Stachys officinalis*), a St Johns wort (possibly slender SJ wort, *Hypericum pulchrum*) and the elegant seedheads of goatsbeard (*Tragopogon pratensis*) (see photograph below).

The weather was sunny with a light breeze and broken cloud, quite pleasant for working. We had a good turnout of 17 volunteers, and were very pleased to welcome a new volunteer..



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## Coming up next

**28 June 2022**

Task: ragwort pulling

**Peacock Meadows South**

**5 July 2022**

Task: tba

**Lily Hill Park**

## What's on

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

#### ***Bat detecting survey walk around Englemere pond with an expert***

**Friday 24 June 2022**

**21:15 – 23:00 latest**

“Starting at 21:15 from the Reserve car park on Swinley Rd. We recommend that you bring a headtorch (or mobile phone) to help see the ground to avoid tripping and you may want to wear insect repellent. Please email [ascot.wildlife@gmail.com](mailto:ascot.wildlife@gmail.com) to book a place and to be informed if we have to cancel”.

#### ***Nightjar walk with David Norminton on Bagshot Heath***

**Saturday 25 June 2022**

**20:40 - 23:00**

“Starting at 8:40 pm from College Ride near the back of Pennyhill Park, Bagshot and walking through the woods onto the heath. We recommend that you bring a headtorch (or mobile phone) to help see the ground to avoid tripping and you may want to wear insect repellent. Please email [ascot.wildlife@gmail.com](mailto:ascot.wildlife@gmail.com) to book a place and to be informed if we have to cancel”.

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