



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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8 December 2022

What we've been doing

22 November 2022

Whitegrove Copse

We cleared bramble from an area close to the entrance. Cleared material was stacked in large piles.

The weather was sunny with no wind. 22 volunteers attended.

We found a young specimen of alder buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*) in the woodland, This rare native tree is a food plant for the brimstone butterfly.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/alder-buckthorn/>



Alder buckthorn leaves

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29 November 2022

Wildmoor Heath

We cut vegetation alongside a section of path, mainly gorse, some larger pine seedlings. We had 2 fires. The path where we were working runs parallel to the firebreak we widened on previous tasks (our last tasks here were on 21 December 2021 and 11 January 2022). A total of 21 volunteers attended, and we were very glad to welcome 2 corporate participants. The weather was overcast and fairly cool.

6 December 2022

Lily Hill Park

- 1). We made a bonfire to burn the existing piles of brash
- 2). We removed bramble, holly and bracken
- 3). A subgroup built a cage to protect the Wollemi pine in the pinetum from deer browsing. This tree looks very healthy, despite some bark having been chewed off.

The weather was dry with sunny spells. 23 volunteers attended.



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The completed deer cage around the Wollemi pine

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Coming up next

13 December 2022

Task: tree planting

Tarmans Copse

20 December 2022

Task: bramble clearing and removing young saplings
and Evening Christmas Dinner at Peacock Farm.

Farley Copse

