

# 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** 

**Tarmans Copse** 

Task: tree planting

**20 December 2022** 

**Farley Copse** 

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

### What's on

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

#### Monday12 December 2022 start 19:30

BFNHS talk 'The Return of the Peregrine' by Keith Betton at South Hill Park Arts Centre, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. Meetings end at about 9:30 pm (Doors open from 7:15pm)

Visitors are always welcome and there is no need to book. Entrance fee for members £1; visitors £3; under 16 free (annual membership £12) See <a href="http://bfnathistsoc.org.uk/meetings.html">http://bfnathistsoc.org.uk/meetings.html</a> for more information.

#### Wildlife in Ascot

Saturday 10 December 2022

09:30 - 12:30

Conservation work at Allens Field

Meet in the car park off Liddell Way off Bouldish Farm Rd South Ascot SL5 9UZ

Dress for gardening work. Contact ascot.wildlife@gmail.com for more info.

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