



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

13 December 2022

Tarmans Copse

A smallish group of 13 volunteers gathered on a cold, frosty morning. We planted tree whips (oak, hawthorn, hornbeam, hazel) in an area of cleared woodland. Some areas were too hard frozen to be feasible for tree planting, in other areas it was quite easy to get a spade in. We had a small bonfire for warming purposes.

The weather was cold, with a watery sun trying to shine through.



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20 December 2022

Farley Copse

The task was to construct more secure dams for the 2 main ponds. Over the course of the day the group made five new dams, dug one new pond and started enhancing a bog area.

Other volunteers coppiced hazel in a separate compartment and cleared holly and bramble. Cleared material was piled into habitat piles or stacked in a pen made from hazel offcuts. Some coppiced stools were protected with deer cages made from these offcuts.

We had a very good turnout of 22 volunteers. The weather was pleasantly warm, a contrast to last week's snow. It got quite warm in the sun at times.

Long-standing volunteer Michael J Norton remembered that he attended his first ever BCV task at Farley Copse, 25 years ago.



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Christmas party at Peacock Farm

19.30

We enjoyed our Christmas meal at Peacock Farm. The meal was very good, although there was quite a long wait for everybody to be served.

Chairman Richard and Task Coordinator Trevor challenged volunteers with a picture quiz, a word quiz based on BCV activities and a tree quiz.

A vote of thanks was given to Trevor for organising the Christmas meal.

Coming up next

3 January 2023

Task: scrub clearance, bramble bash and burn

Farley Copse

10 January 2023

Task: scrub clearance

Nightingale Crescent

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