



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**18 July 2023**

**Bucklers Forest**

The task was to bruise bracken under the tree cover, leaving the bracken in rides which will be cut and removed in the next week. This is part of a 10-year programme to prevent bracken from taking over the heather.

The weather was overcast, warm (T-shirt weather) after vigorous bashing with sticks. 19 volunteers attended.

A cinnabar moth (?) was spotted near our campsite (this may in fact have been a burnet moth). Helleborines were found on the side of the path.



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## 25 July 2023

## Larks Hill

The tasks were:

- Make a gap in the fence to join with the new path into the housing estate.
- To make a path to join the existing path to the new one..
- Move one signboard and add new signboard.
- Paint wooden benches with wood stain.
- Pull ragwort

The weather was fine and sunny, 19 volunteers attended.



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## Coming up next

**1 August 2023**

**Lily Hill Park**

Task: repair amphitheatre, bramble/rhododendron/bracken clearance

**8 August 2023**

**Whitegrove Copse**

Task: dead hedging

## Big Butterfly Count

This year the count runs from Friday 14 July 2023 to Sunday 6 August 2023

See:

[https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/?utm\\_source=NHBS+News+%26+Updates&utm\\_campaign=924327dbf-big\\_butterfly\\_count\\_prep\\_boo\\_06\\_29\\_2022&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_9dd4930fe0-924327dbf-59410157&mc\\_cid=924327dbf&mc\\_eid=5e4b5535fe](https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/?utm_source=NHBS+News+%26+Updates&utm_campaign=924327dbf-big_butterfly_count_prep_boo_06_29_2022&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9dd4930fe0-924327dbf-59410157&mc_cid=924327dbf&mc_eid=5e4b5535fe)

## What's on

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

**Saturday 12 August 2023**

**09:30 – 12:30**

#### **Conservation work at Allens Field.**

We will be working to complete the dead hedge at the dog agility area and carrying out wild flower and pollinator surveys as well as pond dipping to see if anything is in our new pond in the woodland.

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

Dress for gardening work.

**Contact us at [ascot.wildlife@gmail.com](mailto:ascot.wildlife@gmail.com) for more info.**

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