



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

15 August 2023

Horseshoe Lake

The task was to install spiling on the banks of the River Blackwater, using coppiced willow and birch to create woven fences to protect the river bank and prevent erosion.

We were joined in this task by volunteers from Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership, a ranger from Hampshire, and some volunteers from Moor Green Lakes. The Blackwater group brought chocolate biscuits for all, which was kind of them.

The weather was dry and sunny. 14 volunteers attended.



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22 August 2023

Big Wood

The task was to remove tree guards where they were no longer providing a protective action, and to stack guards and stakes neatly.

The weather was cloudy with sunny intervals and humid. It got quite hot in our sheltered area of woodland.

18 volunteers attended.



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29 August 2023

Englemere Pond

The task was to protect heather growth by removing regrowth of pine and birch and piling cleared material off site in a wooded area. We also removed all vegetation from a bank next to a new scrape to make it bare ground.

The weather was cloudy and warm. A snake skin was found, and some volunteers saw snakes (unidentified).

14 volunteers attended.

5 September 2023

Lily Hill Park

The tasks were:

1. To remove bracken, bramble and small holly from a wooded area not far from the orchard.
2. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire

The weather was warm and sunny.

15 volunteers attended.



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Coming up next

12 September 2023

Bucklers Forest

Task: rhododendron and conifer removal

19 September 2023

Popes Meadow

Task: coppicing and holly removal

What's on

Binfield Environment Group

Saturday 16 September 2023 10:00 to 13:00

Foxes Den

Come and help us do our bit for World Clean-up Day 2023. Someone will be at Foxes' Den from 10am until 1pm with bags, litter-pickers and directions. If you want to help the organising team instead of, or in addition to picking litter, then please get in touch.

Wildlife in Ascot

Friday 22 September 18:00-19:00 and 19:00-21:30
Saturday 23 September 2023 08:00 – 09:00

Small mammal survey and bat survey at Mill Ride Golf Club.

From 18:00 – 21:00 on Friday we will be setting live mammal traps (more like little hotels!) to find out what small mammals we have living on the edges of the golf course. Then, from 19:00 – 21:30, we will be using bat detectors to help see bats flying and record what we find. From 08:00 – 09:00 on Saturday morning we will collect and check our traps to identify and record the small mammals.

Please email ascot.wildlife@gmail.com to join us for either or both. These events are weather dependent.

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