

# Newsletter

## **Bracknell Conservation Volunteers**

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## What we've been doing

## 12 September 2023 Bucklers Forest

The task was to remove tree guards, with the objective of clearing around the pond area. Apparently more than half of the guards on site have now been cleared, but there is more tree planting planned!

A wasp spider was found on a volunteer's chair, this creature mimics a wasp to ward off predators: <a href="https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/invertebrates/spiders/wasp-spider">https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/invertebrates/spiders/wasp-spider</a>

The weather was fairly warm, cloudy at times. 12 volunteers attended.



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## **19 September 2023**

## Pope's Meadow

The tasks were: to remove brambles, coppice hazel stools, cut down holly. Brambles were burnt on a fire, hazel and holly were prepared for use in dead hedging.

The weather was cloudy with some light rain. We had a very good turnout of 24 volunteers.



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# **Coming up next**

#### **26 September 2023**

The Cut (opposite Garth Meadows)

Task: river restoration work, woodland tidy, dead hedging

3 October 2023 Lily Hill Park

Task: planting wild flowers

### What's on

#### 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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