



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

26 September 2023

The Cut (opposite Garth Meadows)

The task was restoration on the bank of the River Cut between the large footbridge and the path crossing halfway on the meadow, i.e. upstream.

Some volunteers worked on clearing blackthorn from the meadow to open up trees; cleared material was burnt on the meadow bonfire site.

Other volunteers cleared vegetation from the river bank, and dragged and burnt it.

The weather was cloudy and warm with some drizzle. 22 volunteers attended.



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Lily Hill Park

The task was to plant about 4500 wild flower plug plants in the meadow near the orchard. Plugs were planted in "divots" where the soil had been scraped off. It was clear that many plugs planted previously had been pulled out, thought to be by magpies. About 1500 plugs were left at the end of our task, the ranger has another group due who will plant the remainder of the plugs.

We held an Emergency General Meeting at coffee time to discuss the proposed change to charitable status for BCV. A lively debate ensued.

Our volunteer Michael J, Norton brought his sawhorse to show volunteers, and we had the opportunity to try using a draw knife to shave off a log.

The weather was sunny periods with some cloud, but dry. We had a good turnout of 22 volunteers. We were very glad to welcome the son of one of our volunteers.



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Coming up next

10 October 2023

Westmorland Park

Task: coppicing and brash bundle creation

17 October 2023

Wildmoor Heath

Task: scrub clearance

What's on

Wildlife in Ascot

Saturday 14 October 2023

09:30 - 12:30

Conservation work at Allens Field - we will be removing the plastic guards from saplings and creating wood piles in the woodland.

Meet in the car park - off Liddell Way, South Ascot SL5 9UZ here:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/seRhoQSrTEsyqWw2A>

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Monday 23 October 2023

19:30

Evening talk: "Beavers in Britain - Restoring a Native Species"

ROB NEEDHAM, Restoration Co-ordinator from The Beaver Trust

Recital Room South Hill Park RG12 7PA
BFNHS Members: £1 VISITORS WELCOME: £3
Cash at the door - no need to book in advance

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