



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**21 November 2023**

**Piggy Wood**

Task 1 was to clear the stream between the two bridges and add cleared material to existing habitat piles. A new pile was created and edged with woven hazel and other materials.

Task 2 was to dam up the stream at the top: access was from the second bridge. Dams were built using coppiced material. We also cleared the banks alongside the stream. Wild garlic bulbs were planted at the head of the stream. Brash was piled on a site next to the fence at the head of the stream.

We had a good turnout of 25 volunteers, and were happy to welcome a new volunteer.

The weather was grey, damp and drizzly, with some heavier rain for short periods.



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**28 November 2023**

**Bucklers Forest**

A long walk (about 3000 steps) was needed to reach the site. The task was to cut and burn two clumps of rhododendron. As far as possible the clumps were cut down and then pulled out with the roots.

The weather was cold and clear. 23 volunteers attended. A brimstone butterfly was seen over one of the rhododendron clumps, possibly disturbed from hibernation by our activities.



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## Coming up next

**5 December 2023**

Task: clearing North car park and other jobs

**Lily Hill Park**

**12 December 2023**

Task: coppicing

**Westmorland Park**

## What's on

### ***Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT)***

**Saturday 2 December 2023**

**11:00 – 15:00**

#### **Christmas Tree sale**

**Edgbarrow Woods Car Park  
Wildmoor Heath, Sandhurst Road, Crowthorne near RG45 7PP**

#### **Sustainable Christmas trees - from your local nature reserves**

The Scots pine trees are sourced from local heathland by the Wildlife Trust. The 'green' Christmas trees are sustainably grown, freshly cut the weekend of the sale and drop-resistant. Felling the trees helps with the heathland management and restoration.

Christmas gift items, holly and pine cones will also be on sale.



Christmas Trees -  
December 2023.pdf

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

**Saturday 9 December 2023**

**09:30 - 12:30**

Conservation work at Allens Field - we will be planting a few saplings – if you have any native trees or hedging plants looking for a home do bring them along. We will also be creating some wood piles.

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

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

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