



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

16 January 2024

Bucklers Forest

The site is just behind the Golden Retriever and alongside the cycle way to Crowthorne. The task was to cut rhododendron and laurel and burn on site.

A new procedure for use of the group car was established in an informal meeting.

The weather was cold, about 3°C, with very little wind. 18 volunteers attended.

2 volunteers had difficulty finding the site from Bucklers Forest car park, we may need to update the information on our sites list.



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23 January 2024

Lily Hill Park

The tasks were cutting back rampant holly and bramble close to the Running Horse car park, trimming hedges by the car park and clearing drainage ditches. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire.

There was light rain most of the day, clearing to overcast later. 21 volunteers attended.



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30 January 2024

Caesars Camp

The tasks were removing birch and pine from the heath, and burning the cleared material on a bonfire.

The weather was cold and overcast, but we had a good turnout of 24 volunteers.



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Cabbage Hill

The tasks were creating a dead hedge along the path in the wooded area. Some of the material was already present on site, other material was obtained by coppicing hazel stools.

Volunteers found this a very satisfying task. We completed over 50m of dead hedge.

Several rangers attended and remained on site.

The weather was cloudy and dry, with a slight wind. 20 volunteers attended.



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Coming up next

13 February 2024

Task: hedge laying

Garth Meadows

20 February 2024

Task: fencing works

Frost Folly

What's on

Wildlife in Ascot

Conservation work

Saturday 10 February 2024

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>

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society (BFNHS)

Blackwater Valley Nature Walks - an adventure born out of lockdown

Evening talk by Colin Wilson

Monday 19 February 2024

start 19:30

Recital Room, South Hill Park: £1 for members, £3 for visitors, pay on door

Wildlife in Ascot

Wildlife Quiz

The Stag, Ascot High Street

Monday 26 February 2024

Start 19:00

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