



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**23 April 2024**

**Whitegrove Copse**

The tasks were:

1. To dig two ponds along the line of ditches
2. To build several leaking dams along the ditch
3. To clear ditches of leaf litter
4. To remove rhododendron and laurel.

The weather was cloudy and dry. 19 volunteers attended.



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**30 April 2024**

## **Horseshoe Lake**

The task was extending a short dead hedge around an area which will be kept mown annually for meadow. Unusually, there was plenty of willow to cut which makes lovely stakes and binders. The rest of the group was pulling Himalayan balsam, which was quite small between the nettle and brambles.

The weather was clear, sunny and warm. 18 volunteers attended.

One of our regular volunteers was unfortunately unable to attend because of illness. We wish him a good recovery.



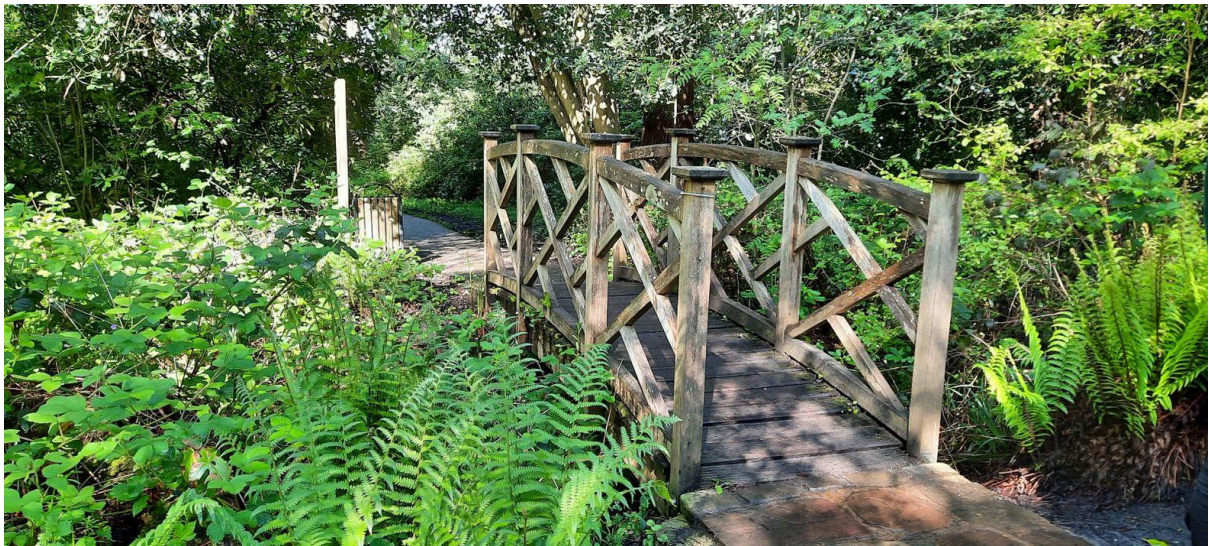
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**07 May 2024**

## **Lily Hill Park**

Part of the group replaced the wooden treads on the Chinese Bridge in the Edwardian Garden. The rest of the group (most people) pulled up bramble and some self-set alder.

The weather was fine and pleasantly warm. It was rather wet underfoot because of recent rain. 18 volunteers attended.



## **Coming up next**

**14 May 2024**

**Peacock Meadows South**

Task: chestnut knee rail build

**21 May 2024**

**Long Hill Park**

Task: thistle and ragwort pulling

## What's on

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

#### **Conservation work**

**Saturday 11 May 2024**

**09:30 - 12:30**

Conservation work at Allens Field – work to be decided. Please bring gardening gloves and wear sturdy boots/shoes.

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)***

**"Understanding alien species through citizen science"**

by **Dr Helen Roy**  
**UK centre for Ecology and Hydrology**

**Monday 20 May 2024**

**start 19:30**

**Recital Room, South Hill Park: £1 for members, £3 for visitors, pay on door, doors open about 19:15**

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