



Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

Review of tasks performed 2018

- BCV performed 50 tasks throughout 2018.
- The average turnout was 16 and the highest turnout was 24 volunteers, on the 20th November at Englemere Pond and also a week later at Tinkers Copse.
- A total of 30 new volunteers attended tasks in 2018. Of these, 12 attended 1 task (these included 5 corporate volunteers), and 18 attended at least 2 tasks of whom 11 have become regular attendees.

Date	Site	Task
02-Jan	Wildmoor Heath	Clear trees from heath, burn on bonfire
09-Jan	Allsmoor Pond	Clear laurel and clumps of holly, burn on bonfire
16-Jan	Whitegrove Copse	Dead hedging: 1. Cut material 2. Build dead hedge
23-Jan	Tinkers Copse	Clear area on left and create dead hedge from all coppiced hazel.
30-Jan	Popes Meadow	1. Create hedge 2. Clear brambles and dogwood
06-Feb	Nightingale Triangle	Nightingale triangle renovation work [mostly clearing Rhododendron and holly]
13-Feb	Englemere Pond	Cutting back silver birch, and pulling pine seedlings
20-Feb	Nightingale Triangle	Continue clearing holly and Rhododendron and burn on fire
27-Feb	Popes Meadow	Complete dead hedge and dogwood clearance, burn on site near pond
06-Mar	Bill Hill	Cut holly and burn in fire
13-Mar	Winkfield Footpath 8	Fit 3 stiles after removal of old ones. Clear path of overhanging branches. Reconstitute bridge over stream.
20-Mar	Wildmoor Footpath 18	1. Burn pine already cut on bonfire 2. Cut small pine and birch 3. Remove old board walk, de-nail good boards, burn rotten ones.
27-Mar	Church Hill Park	Cut back vegetation near stream, burn on fire until lunchtime
03-Apr	Bill Hill	Clear and burn holly from area started last task ie. beyond barrow and below sculptures

10-Apr	Beedon Drive	1) Cut back 2m from fence line 2) Burn material on bonfire
17-Apr	Bill Hill	1) Use chipper to deal with holly already cut 2) Cut holly and burn
24-Apr	Peacock Meadows	1) Remove guards from trees near Peacock Cottages 2) Mulch area near basketball site 3) Remove tree guards from Tarmans Copse 4) Construct stag beetle loggery close to Fujitsu
01-May	Lily Hill Park	1) Dig trench and place logs along edge of wildflower meadow 2) Clear brambles
08-May	Garth Meadow	1) Installing wire fence to keep cattle away from new hedge 2) Burning piles of blackthorn
15-May	Peacock Meadows	1) Put in 2 fence posts near Peacock Cottages to prevent horse and trap entering field 2) Remove tree guards from Peacock Lane North 3) tidy up entrance near tunnel under A329
22-May	Ambarrow Court	1) Dig a hole for a pond 2) Place liner 3) Fill with water 4) Plant seed on the edge
29-May	Popes Meadow	1) Move waste bin 2) Remove weed from pond 3) Rake soil next to new gravel path ready for seeding 4) Re-stain benches
05-Jun	Friendship Way	Clear pond opposite #11 Put willow, laurel etc. in trailer (3 loads) Cut copse near school, raise canopy of cedar
12-Jun	Lily Hill Park	Cut back vegetation near Wellingtonias and dig out brambles, put cut material in builders bags for removal
19-Jun	Peacock Meadows	Pull ragwort along long path. Raise crown of trees.
26-Jun	Garth Meadows	1) Himalayan balsam pulling at Garth Ponds 2) Fencing at Garth Meadows 3) Tree guard removal at Garth Meadows 4) Pruning at Larks Hill orchard
03-Jul	Peacock Meadows	Pick ragwort in field near stile off Peacock Lane, covering area up to bypass (A329)
10-Jul	Horseshoe Lake	1) Assemble hay tent 2) Pull Himalayan balsam
17-Jul	Lily Hill Park	1) Continue log edging around meadow 2) Remove willow saplings from meadow 3) Clear vegetation near meadow

24-Jul	Blackmoor Pond	1) Construct artificial kingfisher nest on island using a boat 2) Clearing vegetation along stream
31-Jul	Blackmoor Pond & Englemere Pond	<u>Blackmoor Pond:</u> 1) Load previously cut material into trailer 2) Finish bank for kingfisher nest <u>Englemere Pond</u> Cut silver birch out of heather
07-Aug	Garth Pond	Cut overgrowth on path leading from Lark's Hill to Newell Green road Stack brash in corner Prune plums and 2 pairs of rows of pears
14-Aug	Lily Hill Park	Vegetation clearance - leave specimen rhododendrons but dig out Japanese knotweed
21-Aug	School Hill	1) Scythe meadow 2) Cut laurel and holly 3) Burn cut material on bonfire 4) Clear reedmace from pond
28-Aug	Nine Mile Ride	Clear laurel from path sides and boundary to properties and pile for later chipping. Area closed beyond bridge
04-Sep	Englemere Pond	1) Cut back brush along edge of pond 2) Scythe reeds in the dried-out pond 3) Burn on bonfire
11-Sep	Nightingale Triangle	Clear and burn rhododendron, holly and marked trees to left of main path
18-Sep	Lily Hill Park (met up at Running Horse car park)	1) Clear pond of vegetation, using boat and waders 2) Clear brambles alongside path 3) Trim rhododendron Fire to dispose of brash
25-Sep	Berrybank	1) Clear brambles and nettles 2) Burn on bonfire Ground very uneven, long neglected, aim was to plant trees Bench was removed as first task by volunteers
02-Oct	Tarmans Copse	Coppicing hazel - brash to trailer, producing stakes and binders for hedging
09-Oct	Nightingale Triangle/Jennetts Park	<u>Nightingale Triangle</u> 1) Continue cutting undergrowth 2) Burn on bonfire <u>Jennetts Park</u> Sub-group went to Jennetts Park to load cut material from last week into trailer
16-Oct	Lark's Hill	Clear hedge close to Watersplash Lane Burn already cut material in two sites Clear scrub in field with feeding cows

23-Oct	Pope's Meadow	1) Clear brambles to expose the edge of pond 2) Remove bulrushes and parrot feather from pond and put in piles ready for removal by trailer
30-Oct	Allsmoor Lane	1) Remove holly from the wood to create clearing 2) Burn on bonfire
06-Nov	Tarmans Copse/ Wykery Copse	1) Coppicing 2) Installed plastic drainage pipe to drain away water on path
13-Nov	Westmorland Park	Opposite car park coppice, hedgerow to left of path, cut 1.4m stems & binders. Put brash in piles.
27-Nov	Tinker's Copse	1) Clear vegetation and dig out pond 2) Make faggots with coppiced brash (A FIRST!)
04-Dec	Wildmoor Footpath 18	Clear pine, birch and gorse from heathland and burn on bonfire.
11-Dec	Long Hill Park	Working in area of pine woodland where understory plants had been cleared by machine. Task was planting whips of rowan, silver birch, field maple, oak, beech, hornbeam, guelder rose, willow, holly, alder, hazel; 500 in total. Cut rhododendron from areas where it had not been possible to clear by machine, leave all other trees and bramble etc. Cleared material was burnt on site.
18-Dec	Garth Meadows	1) Cutting blackthorn adjacent to hedge (putting in "scalped" patches to increase biodiversity for invertebrates) 2) Cutting brash (mostly blackthorn) to feed fire