



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**24 January 2017**

**Englemere Pond**

**Leader: Richard Elsbury**

**BFC ranger: Rob Solomon**

We cleared birch trees and scrub near the pond. This was a continuation of work done last time. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire and used to make a dead hedge.

Eight volunteers were present. The weather started off frosty but got out sunny later.

### *Previous visits*

We last visited Englemere Pond on 3 January 2017. The work done was similar to that done on 24 January.

### *Englemere Pond*

Englemere Pond Nature Reserve covers an area of 27.6 Ha (68.2 acres). There is a shallow acidic lake surrounded by reed beds, forest and heathland. The Reserve was formerly part of the royal hunting forest, and is still part of the Crown Estate.

Important species on the site include adders, grass snakes and round-leaved sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*), a plant which is listed in Bracknell Borough's Biodiversity Action Plan.

See:

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/englemere-pond-nature-reserve-leaflet.pdf>

## Coming up next

**31 January 2017**

**Wildmoor Heath**

Heathland clearance.

## Christmas outing/bushcraft activities

BCV Christmas Outing will be on 14 March 2017. Activities will include wood whittling, fire lighting, baking bread over a campfire (including lunch) and setting up tarpaulins and hammocks. The day will be spent at Hayley Green woods, which has the advantage of toilets being available at Westmorland Park.

## What's on

### **Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) –Big Garden Birdwatch**

Every year, the RSPB asks people to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. You are asked to record the birds in your garden for a period of 1 hour on 28-30 January 2017. This gives valuable data on garden bird numbers. From 14 December you can register for a free Big Garden Birdwatch pack.

<https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>

### **Jealott's Hill Community Landshare**

**WALK 'N' WASSAIL**  
AT  
**Jealott's Hill**  
Community Landshare

Wellers Lane nr Penfurzen Lane,  
Warfield, RG42 6BQ -  
Off the A330 (Maidenhead/Ascot)

**1.15pm** ~ An informative guided walk  
through the local Warfield countryside  
\* Booking preferred, please call 07970 356 292 or  
e-mail [kate.darrall@bracknellforesthomes.org.uk](mailto:kate.darrall@bracknellforesthomes.org.uk)

**2.30pm** ~ Wassail Ceremony in  
the Orchard & Bonfire

**FREE Entry & Parking on site**  
**No Dogs except Guide Dogs**

Ellington Morris Dancers  
Traditional Wassail  
Hot Apple Cup  
Bonfire  
Refreshments  
Tombola & Bric a Brac

 Jealotts Hill  
Community Landshare

### **Warfield Environment Group**

Rhododendron clearance at Hayley Green Wood, Westmorland Park  
Sunday 05 February 2017  
10:30 to 15:00

<https://www.streetlife.com/conversation/1rombbatipob8/>

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