



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

7 March 2017

Lily Hill Park (Starch Copse)

Leader: Graham Coe

BFC ranger: John Morris

We cleared holly and brambles from around specimen rhododendrons, and disposed of cleared material on a bonfire.

The specimen rhododendrons here include varieties "Cynthia", "Memoir" and "Mrs R. S. Holford".

Fourteen volunteers were present. There was light cloud with sunny periods.

Previous visits

We had a warm November day at Starch Copse on 15 November 2016. We cleared vegetation from around azaleas and specimen rhododendrons and burned the material on a bonfire.

Lily Hill Park

Lily Hill Park covers 56 acres. The site offers a wide range of habitats for wildlife including wildflower meadows, ornamental woodland and ancient woodland. The collection of specimen *Rhododendron* varieties is of historical importance, and has been largely untouched since 1922.

Lily Hill Park is an important wildlife corridor with links to neighbouring woodlands at Scott's Hill and Clinton's Hill.

See <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/lily-hill-park-leaflet.pdf>

Coming up next

14 March 2017

Hayley Green Woods

Christmas activity day, park at Westmorland Park car park.

Spring flowers

Wood anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*) was flowering in Starch Copse on 7 March. This member of the buttercup family (*Ranunculaceae*) is an ancient woodland indicator. Starch Copse is known to have been woodland since at least 1761.

<http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/species/wood-anemone>

What's on

Berkshire Conservation Volunteers

Path clearance at Wildmoor Wildmoor car park (off Sandhurst Road)

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=484149&Y=163022&A=Y&Z=110&ax=483847&ay=163037>

Sunday 12 March 2017 meet at 10.15

Leader: Neil Frankum 0793 225 8788

South Hill Park

Community Litter Pick

Thursday 23 March 2017 10:00-11:00

Meet at courtyard in front of SHP reception, Ringmead, Bracknell RG12 7PA

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