



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**25 July 2017**

**Englemere Pond**

**Leader: Graham Coe**  
**Ranger: Rob Solomon**

Eleven volunteers attended. The group cleared small birch seedlings and bracken and brambles from around young heather plants.

Weather was warm with light cloud.

### ***Previous visits***

We last visited Englemere Pond on 24 January 2017, when we cleared birch and scrub near the pond, and made a dead hedge, continuing from a previous task.

### ***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:

[https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/documents/englemere-pond-nature-reserve-leaflet.pdf?QAFL9nQ\\_PVTojsEurVv2r0MbZh.ICU8C](https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/documents/englemere-pond-nature-reserve-leaflet.pdf?QAFL9nQ_PVTojsEurVv2r0MbZh.ICU8C)

## Coming up next

**1 August 2017**

**Lily Hill Park**

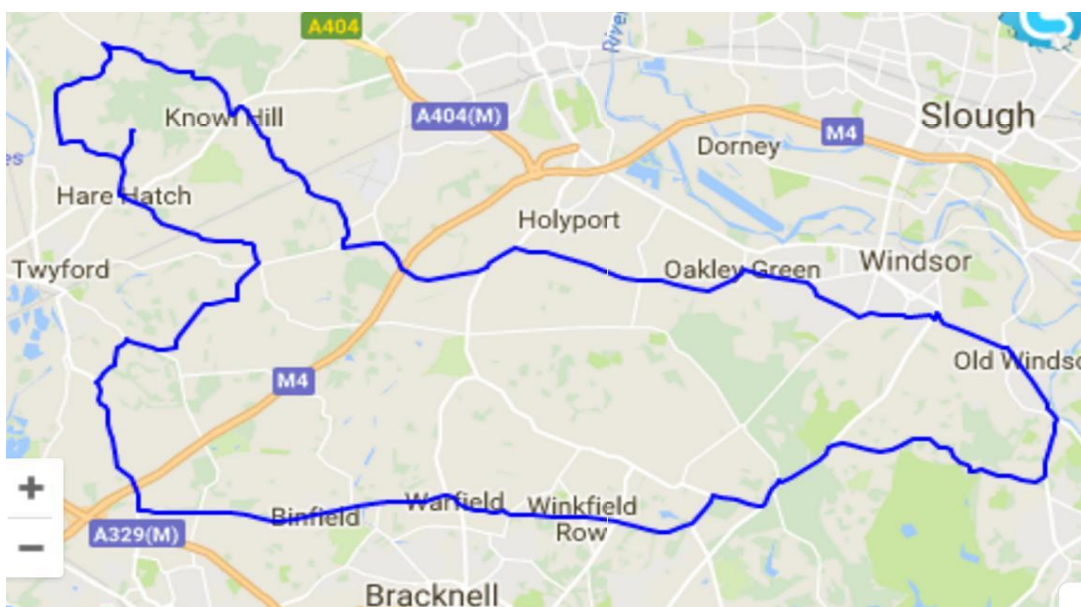
Task tba.

## Sponsored bike ride for Yeldall Manor

Our Chairman Richard Elsbury is bravely taking part in a 40-mile sponsored bike ride tomorrow (Saturday 29 July) to raise money for Yeldall Manor, which provides rehabilitation services for alcohol and drug abusers. He is doing this to raise money for the Bursary Fund, which supports residents who cannot otherwise afford to access rehabilitation. Yeldall are delighted that four residents and ex-residents who have benefited from this fund (and two who haven't) will be riding as part of the team. Read about Yeldall:

<http://www.yeldall.org.uk/>

Here is the route:



If you would like to sponsor Richard, please get in touch with him.

Here is the sponsor form:



Ride for Recovery  
sponsor form.pdf

You also can set up a JustGiving page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/choose-url?pcid=2f279ed5-ffaa-4142-8378-8a0bc333d58c> (or [www.justgiving.com/yeldallmanor](http://www.justgiving.com/yeldallmanor)).

More info at:

<http://www.yeldall.org.uk/support-yeldall/forthcoming-events/>

## What's On

### ***Bracknell Forest Parks and Countryside***

International Bat Night at Big Wood

*[Discover the world of bats on a stroll around the woodland edge at dusk. Celebrate International Bat Night with a chance to see Britain's biggest bat, the Noctule.]*

Saturday 26 August 2017

20:00 – 22:00

Meet at Jennett's Park car park, off Swift Fields

All Parks and Countryside events up to October 2017 are listed at:

[https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/parks-events-prog-may-to-october-2017.pdf?RjXhd3XeE25xnfV90fDVp8n\\_TOnfT03S](https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/parks-events-prog-may-to-october-2017.pdf?RjXhd3XeE25xnfV90fDVp8n_TOnfT03S)

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