



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

15 August 2017

Savernake Park

Leader: Richard Elsbury
Ranger: Liz Vango-Smith

The task was centred on the car park. We cleared hazel, dogwood, birch and oak from the beds around the car park. Some attempt was made to remove the snowberry which is taking over, but this is a big task which needs further work. Some members of the group created a knee-high dead hedge using coppiced hazel.

The weather was fairly warm and sunny, with a few spots of rain at one time. Thirteen volunteers were present.

Previous visits

We last visited Savernake Park on 27 May 2017, when we coppiced saplings at the edge of the pond and used the cut material to create a dead hedge across a desire line path in the woods. We had our Annual General Meeting at lunchtime.

Savernake Park

This is a 6.5ha (16.1acre) public open space. There is a balancing pond, a play area and mixed woodland. Noctule bats are resident.

Savernake Park takes its name from Savernake Forest in Wiltshire. The site probably used to be part of the Great Windsor Forest. In the 1990s Savernake Park was adopted by Bracknell Forest Council who now manage the site for recreation and wildlife.

See: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/parks-visit/savernake-park>

Coming up next

22 August 2017

Piggy wood

Ditch clearance. Piggy Wood is off Newport Drive, Warfield. Park at Lark's Hill car park: RG42 2QN. OS Ref: SU872 707

New species of snake identified in the UK

A fourth species of snake has been identified as being native to the British Isles:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-40853286>

Many thanks to Michael John Norton esq. for contributing this item.

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

Berkshire Conservation Volunteers

Savernake Park, invasive species control

Sunday 20 August

Meet at: 10:15am at the car park.

See Berkshire Conservation Volunteers task list at:

<http://www.berkshire-conservation-volunteers.org.uk/>

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