



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

29 August 2017

Lily Hill Park (Starch Copse)

Leader: Jon Munday

Ranger: John Morris

We removed holly, bramble and some rowan from among the specimen rhododendrons. The cleared material was burnt on a bonfire.

The weather was warm but overcast. Ten volunteers attended.

Previous visits

We last visited Lily Hill Park on 1 August 2017, when we continued putting in place the log edging along the edge of the wildflower meadow.

We last visited Starch Copse on 20 June 2017. The group demolished a boardwalk and cleared vegetation.

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. The park has recently benefitted from some £80,000 worth of new path surfacing.

https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/documents/lily-hill-park-leaflet.pdf?6XOkn0JkIBE_idA7zQrXP9C6gNeNwG5w

Coming up next

5 September 2017

Jocks Copse

Task is coppicing.

Volunteers wanted

BFC ranger Liz Vango-Smith has suggested running a volunteer session, provisionally on alternate Thursdays. This would be run under the auspices of the BFC rangers, **not** as part of BCV. BCV leaders, tools and teakit would not be available. Tools will be provided by the rangers. It might be advisable to bring your own coffee/tea.

This session could continue previous work done by BCV or other volunteer groups. The session could also focus on smaller or more specialised tasks if appropriate. At the moment this is at discussion stage, details have not been finalised.

If you are interested or have any comments, please contact Liz on:

Liz.Vango@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

giving your name, contact phone no. and e-mail address.

Building at Peacock Lane

The Bracknell News has reported that land to the north of Peacock Farm will be built on. This means that the field adjoining Big Wood will now have houses just across the road, which presumably will increase pressure from dog walking and the like.

http://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/bracknell/15482938.Housing_estate_next_to_listed_building_receives_green_light/

What's On

Bracknell Forest Parks and Countryside

Wild Service Trees (*Sorbus torminalis*) at Jocks Lane

[Help to collect seed from the wild service tree, to preserve this important species.]

Saturday 23 September 2017

10:30 – 12:00

Meet at Jocks Lane Recreation Ground

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

See Berkshire Conservation Volunteers task list at:

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

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