



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

19 September 2017

West Garden Copse (Peacock Meadows)

Leader: Jon Munday

Ranger: Marie-Anne Phillips

The task was aimed at clearing the site for a new pond. We removed young trees that were blocking light to the pond and cleared brambles and other invasive plants. The cleared material was burned on a bonfire.

The pond site appears to be a former pond that has dried up. Some members went back on Wednesday 20 September and completed placing the liner. See pictures on next page.

The fresh green trefoil leaves of wood sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*) were present on the site.

This is an ancient woodland indicator plant, and the leaves are refreshingly sharp to eat. Not too many should be eaten at one time; they contain oxalic acid.

The weather was cloudy with sunny intervals. Fourteen volunteers attended.

T-shirts

BCV T-shirts were issued to two volunteers, one who has joined fairly recently, and another who has returned after a lengthy absence.

Previous visits

We last visited this site on 4 August 2015, when some members of the group built a bridge inside the copse, and others pulled ragwort in the adjoining field.

West Garden Copse

West Garden Copse is part of the Peacock Meadows site:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/parks-visit/peacock-meadows>

West Garden Copse is a bluebell wood (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), and has a number of ancient woodland indicator species such as dog's mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), wood anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*) and wood sorrel.

Coming up next

26 September 2017

Ambarrow court

Tree work and ride creation.

Pond at West Garden Copse, 19 September 2017



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Local wildlife sites in BFC area

Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) has a list of local wildlife sites with grid references in our area:

http://www.tverc.org/cms/sites/tverc/files/documents/List_of_Local_Wildlife_Sites_in_Bracknell_Forest_2017.pdf

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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