BCV Newsletter Covering October 2026

Tasks for this month were scheduled as:-
October 6 :- Farley Copse / Coppicing / Holly removal
October 13:-Newt Reserve / Various tasks
October20:-Bucklers Park /Various tasks under Claire
October27:- Lilyill Park / scrub bashing and bramble removal

Hello…….. the nights are getting darker and signs are that winter is on the way ….. The month started with a bout of Holly and Laurel removal at Farley Copse near Binfield… Fortunately the weather was fine and approx 25 BCV-ers turned up for this glamorous task. Holly removal is normally not too exciting but some rather adventurous logging made it a bit more interesting...Oscar was the Ranger on duty, and unfortunately we couldn't have a fire as the previous warm weather restrictions were still in place……
A de-brief for the session was held at the Bridge House…..


A few of us having a well earned breather !!


Jim re_assessing thre job in hand.....

Next task was at the Newt Reserve, near Warfield…… Andy was in charge of us, and there were a few jobs to do….It was quite a hard slog and amongst other things, we were tasked with repairing the fence , bordering a steep flight of stairs,. This was generally achieved , and a boardwalk repair also proved to be one of the main tasks covered.. After lunch break It was all hands to the pumps , and everyone that was available gave a hand to clearing the leafmould which had grown over the pond, and barrowing it over to a place where it couldn't cause a problem…..

After all this hard labour , a few of the diehards retired to the Royal Oak , to discuss the situation……



The Fence in Question..

Richard and Gilles ,admiring their fine work...





It was hard work barrowing the leafmould etc off the pond !!!...

The next task was at Bucklers Park under the auspices of Clare…. Unfortunately I was unable to be there, but the few hardy souls who turned up did a sterling job in very wet and windy conditions...here are a few of the highlights…….





Trevor,surveying a pile of !%$

Last job of the month was tidying up a corner of Lily Hill Park...This mainly entailed trying to get rid of the problematic bramble ,which had infested the area, +the unwanted laurel……. This was NOT an easy job , but the stalworts who turned up today did a sterling job , and the guys did a remarkable job in transforming the area….. We were able to have a fire today(some distance away, to appease local residents!) and a lot of the debris was able to be burnt…. Trevor managed the fire, with some able assistants….



Head gardener ,John , ably assisted by Oscar were the Rangers in charge, and approx 18 volunteers turned up on what turned out to be a remarkably fine day….

Final activity of the day was a very constructive De-briefing session , convened at the Royal Oak….
All subjects were discussed , and the world definitely seemed a better place, afterwards…..

A few memories from Lilyhill Park



Jim , getting stuck into some problematic Laurel !!



A fantastic fallen Beech tree was discovered, on previous task..



Top corner of Lilyhill park where we were working…

Christmas meal reminder

Michele is collecting menu choices for this year's BCV Christmas meal on Tuesday 15th December at the White Hart PH in Winkfield, SL4 4SE (same pub as last year). Please see Michele at a task to make your choice

£10 deposits to Malcolm - cash when you see him or BACS to

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