



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

20 July 2021

Cabbage Hill

We parked at Jocks Lane and made our way to the field close to Long Copse. Our task was ragwort pulling. Some areas of the field have been sprayed to reduce ragwort, so we worked on the other areas. We made quite good progress despite the heat.

The weather was sunny and very hot. It was very uncomfortable working in the heat and humidity.

8 volunteers attended.

27 July 2021

Big Wood

We parked at Swift Fields. House martins were hawking over the car park, making their characteristic “chittering” sound.

The task was to remove willow patches either side of the A329M underpass and use this material to construct dead hedges around the pond edges to deter dog traffic. Some volunteers also pulled ragwort on the field.

20 volunteers attended, one of our best turnouts recently. The weather was warm and a bit overcast, with sunny spells. Unfortunately we had a sharp shower about 14:30, and most people made their way home after that.



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We saw a number of butterflies: a couple of marbled whites were seen over the field. A fritillary gave us a good show by the edge of the path: this seems to have been a Queen of Spain fritillary. Brimstones and meadow browns were present, and one volunteer took a lovely picture of a gatekeeper:



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Coming up next

3 August 2021

Cabbage Hill

Task: hedgerow weeding and Annual General Meeting

10 August 2021

Warfield Chase

Task: orchard and vegetation work

What's on

Big butterfly count

16 July – 8 August 2021

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Work party at **Nightingale Triangle**

Saturday 7 August 2021

10:00 – 12:00

Warfield Environment Group

“Join us for a gentle 8km (5 mile) walk, visiting some of the areas we work in and seeing some of the sights of Warfield.”

Sunday 8 August 2021

14:30 – 16:30

Free, but booking is essential: book tickets and details of where to meet at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-great-weg-wander-tickets-158430185951>

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