



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

Building the bridge at Lily Hill Park proved to be quite a long story. Some members of the group attended a supplementary session on Monday 6 November:

6 November 2017

Lily Hill Park

Leader: n/a
Ranger: John Morris

Volunteers demolished the old bridge near the entrance from the Running Horse car park. This work was essential preparation for installing the new bridge. Other volunteers cleared vegetation around the bridge site. The weather was cloudy but dry. Ten volunteers were present.

7 November 2017

Lily Hill Park

Leader: Richard Elsbury
Ranger: John Morris

One group built a bridge near the entrance from the Running Horse car park. Other volunteers cleared rhododendron, holly and hazel from an area in Lily Hill Park, not very far from the bridge site. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire, which proved very difficult to get started. Michael J. Norton Esq. applied his gentle touch, which seemed to do the trick. The weather was drizzly but not cold. We were lucky to avoid the heavy rain which came on later in the day. Thirteen volunteers attended. We were very glad to welcome a new member of the group.

At the time of writing, a further supplementary session is planned to finish the bridge construction:

10 November 2017

Lily Hill Park

Leader: n/a
Ranger: John Morris

Volunteers are asked to attend from 09:30.

Coming up next

14 November 2017

Church Hill Park

The task is to remove willows and do some stream work. Wellies are advisable. Himalayan balsam pulling may also be done.

Red squirrels making a comeback

Re-introduction of red squirrels into parts of the Scottish Highlands has been very successful: populations are flourishing

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-41862423>

Many thanks to Michael J. Norton Esq. for pointing this out.

Forest charter: 800th anniversary

The Charter of the Forest was signed on 6 November 1217. It allowed ordinary people access to royal forests (although there were still draconian punishments for killing the king's deer). A new Charter for Trees, Woods and People was launched at Lincoln Castle on 6 November 2017.

Lincoln Castle has a copy of the original Charter of the Forest, as well as a copy of the Magna Carta.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/tree-charter/>

Citizen foresters at Manchester

Manchester is not known for street trees. Efforts are being made to change this. "Citizen foresters" are being urged to get involved in turning Manchester into the City of the Trees:

<http://www.cityoftrees.org.uk/>

What's On

Community Litter Pick at Savernake Park

Thursday 16 November 2017

Meet at the car park at 10:00, task is scheduled to last about 2 hours.

BBOWT Christmas Tree sales

Saturday 9 December and Sunday 10 December 2017 11:00 – 15:00

Edgbarrow Woods Car Park, Wildmoor Heath, Sandhurst Road, Crowthorne near RG45 7PP

Heathland Magic at Wildmoor Heath (BFC event)

Saturday 16 December 2017 10:30 – 13:30

[*Get involved in our heathland conservation event. Enjoy a bonfire and marshmallows and possibly take home your own Christmas tree. Tools & refreshments provided. Please bring work gloves. Booking is required: 01344 354441*]

Wildmoor Heath car park, Crowthorne Road, RG45 7PP.

Bracknell Forest Parks and Countryside

All Parks and Countryside events are listed at:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events>

Events to April 2018

<https://files.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/bracknell/documents/parks-events-prog-november-17-to-april-18.pdf?VGy1eW6B5kDoGmQezhyJoGJXLlRg.Mq>

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