



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

19 June 2018

Peacock Meadows

The group pulled ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) from near the long path. The ground was quite hard, making it difficult to remove the ragwort roots. We also raised the crowns of trees in the meadow.

Fifteen volunteers attended, including a new volunteer. The weather was overcast and hot for the time of year.

26 June 2018

Garth Meadows

We removed Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) from Garth Pond. We also worked on fencing and tree guard removal in Garth Meadows. Another group carried out pruning at Lark's Hill orchard.

Nine volunteers attended, including two new volunteers.

03 July 2018

Peacock Meadows

We pulled up ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) in the field close to the A329M across Peacock Lane. The ground was very hard, making it very difficult to remove ragwort roots. The weather was hot, but there was a very welcome breeze which moderated the temperature somewhat.

Fourteen volunteers attended, a very good turnout for such a hot day.

A skylark was singing over the field, and there were a large number of marbled white butterflies (*Melanargia galathea*) in the field.

Coming up next

10 July 2018

Horseshoe Lake

Putting up the hay tent. Meet at the car park in Mill Lane (for some reason marked Chandlers Lane on the map below):

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=482575&Y=161938&A=Y&Z=110&ax=481973&ay=162031>

17 July 2018

Lily Hill Park

Task TBA

Ticks and Lyme disease:

Ticks can carry Lyme Disease. We are at some risk working in woodland where deer graze, but the risk is very small. It is best to keep arms and legs covered, especially in long grass. See NHS advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

We now have a tick removing tool in the first aid kit, which is kept with the teakit.

Oak processionary moth in Bracknell

Caterpillars of this pest of oak have been seen near Clinton's Hill. The hairs of the caterpillars are highly irritating and can be a danger to people and dogs.

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/news/2018/06/warning-residents-toxic-caterpillar-nests-spotted-near-park-bracknell>

Lily Hill Park: vandalism

We have spent a considerable amount of time and effort installing the log edging around the wildflower meadow at Lily Hill Park. Unfortunately, a volunteer reported that some of the logs used for the edging had been pulled out.

What's on

Friends of Nightingale Triangle

Maintenance work party at the Triangle

Saturday 7 July

10:00 – 12:00

Berkshire Conservation Volunteers

Ditch clearance and notice board maintenance at Farley Copse

Sunday 15 July 2018

start 10:15

Meet at Tippits Mead gateway entrance, off Tippits Mead, Binfield, RG42 1FH

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=484836&Y=169547&A=Y&Z=115>

Warfield Environment Group

Bat Walk at Westmorland Park

Saturday 8 September 2018

For full information see:



bat walk poster
080918.pdf

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