



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**29 October 2019**

**Caesar's Camp**

We worked on clearing part of the ramparts at the southern end of the camp, eastward of the Swinley entrance. We cleared and thinned trees and removed holly, western hemlock, pine and rhododendron. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire.

18 volunteers attended. We were very glad to welcome three new volunteers. The weather was cloudy, temperature about 10°C, and dry.

Unfortunately one volunteer suffered an injury to her leg from a sharp tree stump, and needed treatment in A&E at Frimley Park Hospital.



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## 5 November 2019

## Wildmoor Heath

The task was to clear birch and pine from the heathland. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire. 19 volunteers attended. The weather was overcast and drizzly, with occasional sunny periods and occasional spells of rain.



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## 12 November 2019

## Garth Meadows

The first task was in the field adjacent to the Lark's Hill car park. A strip about 25m long was cleared on the boundary so that another kids' volunteer group could plant a hedge at some later stage. The group then moved to Garth Meadows to clear blackthorn. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire. The weather was cool and sunny and breezy. 18 volunteers attended.



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## Coming up next

**19 November 2019**

**Bill Hill**

Holly thinning.

Street parking in Rectory Close, off Coningsby.

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=486935&Y=168415&Z=110>

**RG12 7DB**

**SU869684**

**26 November 2019**

**Garth Meadows**

Vegetation clearance.

Park at Lark's Hill car park, there is usually just enough parking space here, albeit a lot of dog-walkers.

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=487084&y=170808&z=106>

## Bracknell Forest Local Plan

Bracknell Forest Council is seeking opinions on the Revised Growth Strategy for the emerging Bracknell Forest Local Plan. The consultation period runs from 10:00 on Friday 26 October 2019 to 17:00 on Friday 6 December 2019.

For the background to the plan, see:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-policy/development-plan/draft-bracknell-forest-local-plan/background>

To take part in the consultation, see:

[https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/bracknell\\_forest\\_council\\_local\\_plan\\_-\\_revised\\_growth\\_strategy\\_october\\_2019](https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/portal/planning/bracknell_forest_council_local_plan_-_revised_growth_strategy_october_2019)

## Christmas trees from BBOWT

**'Green' Christmas trees for sale - from your local nature reserves**

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

**7 and 8 December 2019 11.00 to 15.00**

The local Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) is having its annual Christmas tree sale on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December.

The Scots pine trees are sourced from local heathland by the Wildlife Trust. The 'green' Christmas trees are sustainably grown, freshly cut the weekend of the sale and drop-resistant. Felling the trees helps with the heathland management and restoration.

Mistletoe, holly, pine cones, willow stars, Wildlife Trust cards and calendars will also be on sale - and all are recyclable

Come on down to Edgbarrow Woods Car Park, Wildmoor Heath the weekend of Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December to buy your Christmas tree and other goodies.

Support your local wildlife sites. All proceeds go to the Wildlife Trust – Berks, Bucks & Oxon (BBOWT).

For further details visit <http://www.bbowt.org.uk/whats-on>

See poster:



A4 Poster - Wildlife  
Trusts Christmas Tree

## What's on

### ***Binfield Environment Group***

Work party at **Farley Copse: Holly, ivy and badgers?**

**Saturday 16 November 2019**

For details and to register see:

<https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/event-info/holly-ivy-and-badgers>

### ***Bracknell Forest Natural History Society***

Evening talk on **Farming for Wildlife**, by Des Sussex of Natural England

**Monday 18 November 2019**

**start 19:30**

**South Hill Park**

For details see:

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

### ***Wildlife in Ascot***

Conservation work along Blythewood Lane in North Ascot

**Sunday 24 November 2019**

**12:30 – 13:30**

Help to improve habitat and create hibernation sites for hedgehogs. Meet where the path from Sutherland Chase joins the lane from Burleigh Road

See: <https://sites.google.com/site/wildlifeinascot/home>

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