



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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28 November 2019

What we've been doing

19 November 2019

Bill Hill

The task was cutting holly. Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire.

The BFC ranger cooked a pizza successfully on the embers.

A very large "fairy ring" (fungi growing in a circular pattern) was seen. The fungi here might have been *Clitocybe dealbata*, which commonly forms rings, and is unfortunately deadly poisonous.

<https://www.first-nature.com/fungi/clitocybe-rivulosa.php>

23 volunteers attended. We were very glad to welcome two new volunteers. The weather was overcast.

We last visited Bill Hill on 26 February 2019, a surprisingly warm day for February. We cut mostly laurel and holly and burned cleared material on a bonfire. We had 26 volunteers, a record attendance.



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26 November 2019

Garth Meadow

This was a continuation of a task started on 12 November 2019. We cleared blackthorn from a site on the southern edge of Garth Meadow, not far from the pond.

Cleared material was burnt on a bonfire. The bonfire took some time to get started, because everything was very wet. 16 volunteers attended. The weather was cloudy with occasional showers. It was quite warm for the time of year.



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Coming up next

10 December 2019

Osman's Close

Woodland thinning and hazel planting.

Park in the Carnation Hall car park, then walk up Chavey Down Road to Osman's Close. The entrance to the site is at the end of Osman's Close.

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=489752&Y=170454&Z=110>

RG42 7PL

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17 December 2019

Edmunds Green & Lane

Hazel coppicing.

Park on Hamlet Street off Shakespeare Way in Warfield. Towards the end of Hamlet Street the road crosses a footpath/cycleway. Walk down this path to the right and the site is approx 80m on the right. Or park in Innings Lane. Meet by South Lodge on Jigs Lane South.

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=488175&Y=169932&Z=110>

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17 December 2019

Golden Retriever

BCV Christmas meal, 19:00 for 19:30

[https://www.google.com/maps/place/The+Golden+Retriever+\(Vintage+Inns\)/@51.3866107,-0.7733057,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x9dc0a5c136baad29!8m2!3d51.3866107!4d-0.7733057](https://www.google.com/maps/place/The+Golden+Retriever+(Vintage+Inns)/@51.3866107,-0.7733057,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x9dc0a5c136baad29!8m2!3d51.3866107!4d-0.7733057)

New homes at Jealotts Hill

It is proposed to build 4000 new homes at Jealotts Hill, Warfield. Among many others, the Council for the Protection of Rural England is objecting strenuously to the planned loss of green belt land to development.

<https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/18046558.bracknell-4k-homes-opposition/>

If you want to register objections, the deadline for submission is **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

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

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

Reading council cuts down trees

800 young trees were mistakenly cut down by Reading Borough Council in Palmer Park. The council has apologised.

TV naturalist Chris Packham has criticised the council's action.

The council said a mass tree-planting scheme was planned to compensate, but it had yet to confirm a date.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-50529767>

What's on

Wildlife in Ascot

A talk by Dr Erica McAlister on **The Year of the Fly 2019**

Tuesday 3 December 2019

19:30

Talk is at Silwood Park, for access details see:
<https://sites.google.com/site/wildlifeinascot/home>

Bird and bat box making at Allen's Field

Saturday 14 December 2019

10:00 – 12:00

In the car park off Liddell Way off Bouldish Farm Rd, South Ascot SL5 9UZ

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Evening talk on **The Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust**, by Colin Wilson, vice-chair of the Trust

Monday 16 December 2019

start 19:30

South Hill Park

For details see:

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

Binfield Environment Group

Work party at **Wicks Green, Binfield**

Saturday 21 December 2019

For details and to register see:

<https://binfieldeg.wixsite.com/binfieldeg/event-info/wicks-green-winter-work-party>

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