



# Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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## What we've been doing

**19 March 2019**

**Lily Hill Park**

The task was building bird nesting boxes. Timber and some tools were provided by the rangers, and volunteers brought their own tools and "workmate" benches. We worked near the Lodge at the Ascot Road entrance. The weather was bright and sunny, and quite warm. We had a good turnout of 20 volunteers.

Several different varieties of nest boxes were made, of differing degrees of complexity.



**Completed nestboxes**

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### Hard at work

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## 26 March 2019

## Pope's Meadow

We welcomed 19 volunteers on a delightfully warm and sunny day. In fact, the heat was an unexpected problem for some!

We worked on clearing vegetation (*Typha latifolia*, often known as bulrushes and parrots' feather *Myriophyllum aquaticum*) from the pond, loading the cleared material into the boat and then into the trailer of the ranger's pickup. The water level in the pond was very high, so volunteers who bravely donned waders had to take extra care.



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We also dismantled a gate and removed the supporting post. Other volunteers cleared brambles from around veteran oak trees. This proved to be a harder job than expected, the brambles were remarkably tough!



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## Coming up next

**2 April 2019**

**Frost Folly**

Gate installation and putting up bird boxes. Meet in Frost Folly car park:

<http://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=487370&Y=172616&A=Y&Z=110>

**9 April 2019**

**Lily Hill Park**

BCV Xmas event, flint knapping, bird box building and BBQ. Meet in the main (North) car park:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=488766&Y=169407&A=Y&Z=110>

## Spring Event at Jocks Lane

Bracknell Town Council are holding their Spring Event:

**Sunday 7 April 2019**

**11:00 – 14:00**

Jocks Lane Recreation Ground

*[Activities will include the OBJ Morris Dancers, willow weaving, craft stalls, birds of prey and much more. Jealotts Hill Community Landshare (JHCL) will have a stall. Bracknell Railway Society will also be celebrating their 50th Anniversary.]*

<https://bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk/events/spring-event-5/>

## Can you be a leader?

Our task leaders do a crucial job organising and managing BCV tasks. Without leaders, we cannot continue as a group. Currently, one of our leaders is unavailable for family reasons, which means that we only have 2 leaders to cover all our tasks.

If you would like to have a try at the leadership rôle, please get in touch.

The rôle of leader involves collecting the group car and suitable tools from the garage in Uffington Drive, then supervising activities on site. Any new leader can count on the unstinting support of the other leaders and the rangers.

## Warfield Environment Group

Warfield Environment Group (WEG) are one of the winners of the **re3 #ALottaBottle glass recycling campaign**. The group has received a prize of £500, which will be spent on hedging and trees for Warfield.

See:

<https://warfieldenvgroup.wordpress.com/>

## What's on

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

Annual work on South Ascot Recreation area wildflower meadow

**Sunday 31 March 2019**

**start 11:00**

Victoria Road end, SL5 9DR, bring gloves and a hand fork if possible.

### ***Berkshire Conservation Volunteers***

Conservation work at Ambarrow Court

**Sunday 7 April 2019**

**start 10:15**

Meet at designated car park

### ***Berkshire Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT)***

**Monitoring Dormice**, a talk by Ian White from the National Dormouse Monitoring Programme

**Tuesday 16 April 2019**

**19:30 – 21:30**

BBOWT Education Centre, Woolley Firs, Cherry Garden Lane, Maidenhead SL6 3LJ  
(£2 donation per person)

See poster:



A4 Poster - Wildlife  
Trusts Dormice Talk -

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