



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

2 July 2019

Farningham Ride

There were a number of tasks today:

1. To move a log boundary to control access to the meadow
2. To weed areas of woodchip for planting
3. Lay paving slabs for play areas
4. Clear overhanging branches from cycle path
5. Litter pick area
6. Install a bench



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Some residents complained to the ranger about the lack of notice about works being done. 19 volunteers attended. The weather was cloudy with sunny intervals,

9 July 2019

Westmorland Park

We were all engaged on the same task today: clearing brambles within Hayley Green woods, not very far from the carved entrance.

The aim was to dig out the bramble roots, using mattocks, garden forks and spades. Cleared brambles were added to a large pile, to be burnt later by the rangers. The work was very hard, because the soil was so dry and stony. Everybody got severely scratched by the brambles.



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The weather was warm with sunny intervals. 22 volunteers attended.

Coming up next

16 July 2019

Harvest Hill

Creation of a new pond, and clearing out of existing ditches – *Please bring wellies and waders if you have them!*

From Harvest Ride park in Walsh Avenue/ or right turn into Rachels Lake View (where the ranger may open the field gate for parking on the grass). Alternatively from Westmorland Drive park in Gloucestershire Lea.

There is limited parking in Rachels Lake View, so if at all possible please carshare or come by public/personal transport.

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=488513&Y=170231&Z=110>

23 July 2019

Garth Pond & Meadow

Himalayan balsam removal from Garth Pond and surveying in Garth Meadows. Meet in the Larks' Hill car park:

<http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=486724&y=170836&z=106>

Savernake Park

A pancake van (creperie) has been given permission to set up in the car park at Savernake Park. There is not a large amount of parking in this car park at any time, and this may make it more difficult for BCV to park here.

We last did a task at Savernake Park on 17 October 2017. On 3 April 2018 we had to switch tasks to Bill Hill from Savernake Park, because the lakeside path was under 1.5m of water.

<https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/17719916.savernake-park-crepes-van-gets-bracknell-council-approval/>

Horseshoe Lake

Plans to make Horseshoe Lake into a country park are progressing, although some local residents are worried about potential problems with transport. BCV last visited Horseshoe Lake on 10 July 2018.

<https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/17717060.horseshoe-lake-country-park-plans-moved-ahead-by-bracknell-forest-council-but-sandhurst-residents-call-for-more-transparency-and-involvement/>

What's on

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT)

Introduction to Hoverflies

Saturday 13 July 2019 10:30 – 15:30

Woolley Firs, Maidenhead

See poster:



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Trust -Introduction to

National Trust

Re-chalking the White Horse at Uffington

Sunday 25 / Monday 26 August

10:00 – 16:00

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