



Newsletter

Bracknell Conservation Volunteers

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What we've been doing

3 March 2020 Peacock Meadow/West Garden Copse

The majority of the group coppiced hazel with the aim of rejuvenating an area that has not been managed actively in the past. Suitable stakes and binders were saved for later use. Larger branches were used to create wood piles to block unofficial paths. The rest of the material was burnt on a bonfire.

16 volunteers attended. The weather was bright at times, dry and rather cold, especially when the sun went in. Primroses are flowering:



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Supplementary task at Tarman's Copse

A sub-group worked at Tarman's Copse. The first task was to move 12-foot long posts and rails which had previously been cleaved from a fallen chestnut in Tarmans Copse. The old fence was then dismantled and the new prototype post and single rail fence was erected.

Slow progress was made as the group only managed to reposition 4 of the 8 holes needed to recreate a similar structure to the old fence. Only one rail out of 5 was fitted. Further work is needed here, the details are not yet worked out.

10 March 2020

Nine Mile Ride (Madingley)

The group cleared rhododendron from a patch of thick "rhododendron forest" at the top of the hill. Cleared material was burnt on the site of a previous bonfire. A large amount of rubbish was cleared, including a bike and an air pistol.

The weather was cloudy and warm, with a slight drizzle at about 11:00. 22 volunteers attended.

BCV last visited Madingley on 1 January 2019, when 11 volunteers enjoyed a mild, bright day cutting rhododendron.



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Supplementary task at Tarman's Copse

A sub-group left at about 11:30 and went to Tarman's Copse to continue with fencing work started last week. 4 volunteers put in posts and rails. It was slow work because of buried concrete. Two posts and rails still need to be completed, and this will be arranged in due course.

Coming up next

17 March 2020

Westmorland Park

Making a compost area and bin store, and mulching.

Meet in the designated car park at Westmorland Park. There is usually ample parking here.

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=488656&y=170824&z=106>

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24 March 2020

Warfield Footpath 7

Gate removal/replacement and vegetation clearance

Meet at Warfield Church.

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=486834&Y=166202&Z=106>

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Tarman's copse

The sub-group of BCV which has been doing extra-curricular work at Wykery Copse has been given permission by Bracknell Forest rangers to construct a series of dams at Tarman's Copse, with the aim of improving the wetland characteristics of the site.

What's on

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

Evening talk on **Heathlands Underground** by Dr Martin Bidartondo

Monday 16 March 2020

19:00 for 19:30

South Hill Park

Warfield Environment Group

Great British Spring Clean Community Litter Pick

Saturday 21 March 2020

10:30 – 12:00

Meet at Larks Hill car park

See poster:



community litter pick
poster 210320.pdf

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