

BRACKNELL CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

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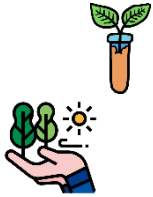
What we did in June



- ✓ Buckler's Forest
- ✓ Garth Meadow
- ✓ Peacock Meadow
- ✓ Buckler's Forest (cancelled)
- ✓ Peacock Meadow South

2 June 2026

Buckler's Forest



Task: Putting up tree guards



Weather: Mixed sunshine and cloud



Volunteers: 16

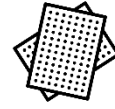


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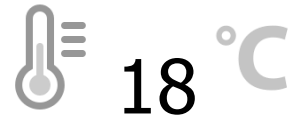
Garth Meadow



Task: Sanding and repainting the foot bridge over the river

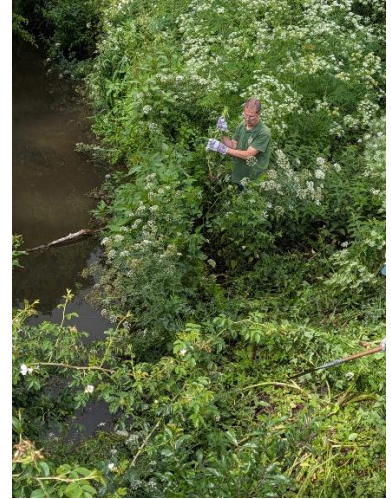


Weather: Mixed sunshine and cloud



Volunteers: 13





16 June 2026

Peacock Meadow



Task: Clearing ragwort. AGM



Weather: Mixed sunshine and cloud



25 °C

Volunteers: 25





23 June 2026

Buckler's Forest

Task: Cancelled due to extreme heat



Weather: Sunny, very hot



35 °C

Volunteers: N/A

30 June 2026

Peacock Meadow South



Task: Pulling ragwort



Weather: Sunny with a few clouds



Volunteers: 14



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Note 1: From: Isabella Clark <isabella.clark@pgr.reading.ac.uk> Date: 19 June 2026
Subject: Seeking volunteers for hedgehog research

I am a researcher based at the University of Reading, currently recruiting volunteers to take part in a citizen science project investigating how urban hedgehogs may come into contact with rodenticides (rodent poison) in gardens through different routes, such as entering rodent bait boxes or scavenging poisoned rodent carcasses. We are looking for volunteers in or near Reading and Bracknell with access to a garden to take part. Volunteers can choose to participate in up to three projects, which involve monitoring (1) slug and (2) hedgehog visits to rodent bait boxes, and (3) the scavenging behaviour of garden mammals. No prior experience is required, and participants without known hedgehogs or other wildlife in their gardens are still encouraged to take part. All equipment will be delivered directly to participants' homes.

The findings from this project may help improve understanding of the risks rodenticides pose to urban hedgehogs and inform more wildlife-friendly pest control practices.

I would be very grateful if your group would consider sharing this opportunity with your members. The projects are planned to begin in summer 2026, with surveys repeated during winter 2026/2027.

More information can be found on our Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/gardenwildlife-org>.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration Isabella

Note 2: From: Volunteering <volunteering@bbowt.org.uk> 17 June 2026
Subject: BBOWT Community Network newsletter sign-up

Following the completion of the Community Network Project, we would love to continue supporting volunteers and community groups across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire who share our mission to create more nature everywhere for everyone.

Please complete the short form [Join the Volunteer Community supported by BBOWT – Fill out form](#) to join our collective Volunteer Community. As a member of the volunteer community, you will continue to enjoy:

- Free networking, training, and development events organised by BBOWT
- A supportive network of local like-minded people - to connect with, share ideas, offer mutual support, and help each other
- Peer to peer learning opportunities - to exchange knowledge, skills, and inspiration
- Access to free resources to support your volunteering or community group
- A volunteer e-newsletter featuring stories, event listings, opportunities, and updates from across our communities and BBOWT sites
- Free volunteer appreciation and celebration events to thank volunteers for their hard work and contributions to nature and their communities

If you have provided more than one email address, you receive this email twice. If that is the case, please sign-up using the email address to which you would prefer to receive the newsletter.

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Note 3: Dr David gave an overview of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

July '26 tasks *(subject to change):*

2026			
Date		Site	Task
Jul	7	Frost Folly	Ragwort pulling (<i>Oscar/J</i>)
	14	Peacocks Meadow South	Ragwort pulling (<i>Alex V/J</i>)
	21	Bucklers Community Gardens	installing signs, weeding, laying woodchip and hedge maintenance (<i>Clare/J</i>)
	28	Heritage Parks	tbd (<i>Clare/J</i>)

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