

BCV Newsletter Covering September...

Sites visited this month:-

Shepherd Meadows (Sandhurst) , Peacock Meadows, Ceasars Camp, Lilyhill Pk and Temple Copse...

Hello , Autumn is creeping in and we have begun to have a few more wet and windy days , and its been dramatically cooler than it was during the heatwave.

Unfortunately I could not make it to Shepherd Meadows, but I have it on good authority that the group did a sterling job , on various tidying up jobs and removal of unwanted plants....Weather was very warm and dry...



*A finer stretch of dead hedging
would be difficult to find !!*

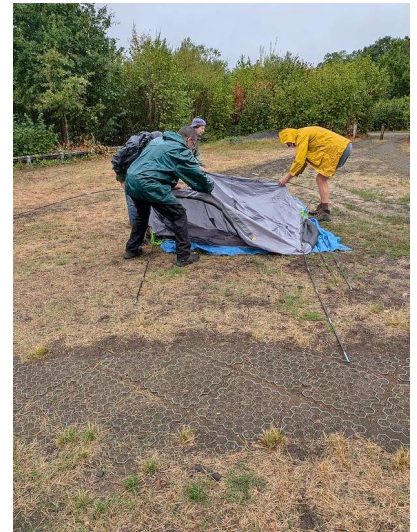


Jon hard at work



That was Shepherds Meadow, but the autumn weather really came in with a vengeance the following week at Peacock Meadow..... It rained almost all day !! I think most of us had almost forgotten what rain looked like after our recent spell of warm dry weather . The job was replacing some of the old knee-rails around the car park, with “rustic” effect post and rail fencing.....It was pretty arduous work , especially in the wet and windy weather...

Peacock Meadow



That pergola was very

The scene at Lilyhill Park

Unfortunately I was unable to join the group at the next task , but it was a continuation of the recent task in Lilyhill Pk . Mostly the work involved digging out those pesky brambles , and clearing the area along one of the boundaries.....24 guys managed to turn up and muck in on the job, and Ben was the ranger in charge..... And I can't confirm this but its a very safe bet that a de-briefing session was convened , in the Royal Oak, and all subjects were covered.....



Englemere pond 29th

Sept

The task here was changed somewhat , for a number of reasons, but we ended up doing mostly “Bondu-bashing” to clear an area quite close to the lake...Andy and Oscar were the rangers , and approx 22 of us laboured in quite fine weather to clear a lot of the unwanted trees and plants from the area.... And I think we’ll all be sorry , that it was the last day for Titus , as he’ll be going back to University to continue his course.... We’ll certainly miss his youthful strength and enthusiasm...



Various other news

We were all very saddened and shocked to hear the news that one of our stalwart volunteers, David Stevenson , had been involved in a quite serious road accident, and was badly injured..... I’m pretty sure that all of us that know him will wish him and his family well, and hope he gets back to fighting fitness as soon as he can

Sarah has started a **facebook page for BCV**. The intention is to post updates on what we get up to, and the reasons why we’re doing it. It’s appreciated that facebook isn’t everyone’s cup of tea, so following the page is entirely optional, but if you do want to see the page, then it can be found [here](#) (clickable link to facebook).

A reminder that (ranger) Andy is organising another of his annual **Hedge laying courses** on Sat 30th & Sun 31st January 2027 at Cabbage Hill. A number of us have attended in the past (incl Hugh, Paul E, Trevor, Iain, Michele + others), and have found it enjoyable and worthwhile. The cost this year is £25 each. To apply, see the email sent out on 2nd Oct, which contains further details & the booking form.

The **BCV Christmas Dinner** evening will be held at The White Hart pub (as last year) on Tues 15th Dec (7.00 for 7.30pm). Only £10 per head (BCV pays the rest). Michele will be starting to collect menu choices at the next few tasks.

The Local Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) is back again this year with its annual Christmas tree event. It will no doubt be selling its locally sourced Christmas trees, and other Chrismassy themed items..This event will take place on 5th December, as below. Note the “Edgbarrow Woods” car park referred to, is known by BCV as the Wildmoor Heath car park.



Christmas trees

Annual event - Wildmoor Heath, Crowthorne

- Freshly felled on local heathlands, helping heathland restoration
- Naturally and sustainably grown
- Native Scots pine trees (*Pinus sylvestris*)
- Small to large sizes available. Strong, bushy branches
- Drop-resistant, fresh pine smell
- Holly, pine-cones & other natural decorations on sale

All proceeds to the local Wildlife Trust

Saturday 5 December 2026, 11.00 - 14.00

Edgbarrow Woods car park, Sandhurst Road, near RG45 7PP