Membership and Subscriptions

If you want to join BCV, or change the method by which you receive the programme, phone the Membership Secretary, Mike on 01635 268482 or email membership@basingstokecv.org.uk. Membership of BCV is free if you receive the programme by e-mail. If you want a paper copy posted to you, this costs £3 per annum (£2 unwaged, £5 family).

For the latest news on events, follow the Events Programme link at www.basingstokecv.org.uk. Access to web-site members' area - User : bcvnet, Password : honeymill.

BCV Task Programme November 2012 to February 2013

Meet up for projects on site at 10.00 a.m. except where stated. Please tell the leader in advance that you are coming so that he can plan tools and refreshments. The leader is also the person to phone if you want, or can offer, a lift to the site. Please cycle or walk to the site if possible. The leader can be contacted on site during the day on 07910 317 135 (but bear in mind that in some locations the signal can be poor).

4th November – Scrub bash at Aldersbrook

We're hoping it will be a case of third-time lucky at this privately owned site close to Headley; our first visit in 2012 coincided with the single (very) wet day in March and then when we returned in August, it was the hottest weekend of the year!
Falling within HWT's Enbourne Valley Living Landscapes area, this site is important both in its own right and as a stepping stone between other wildlife sites, thus reducing the vulnerability of species that survive in isolated pockets.
Once again we will be doing battle with the blackthorn scrub that was taking over – we have now defeated the widest part of the thicket, so progress should be more rapid in coming tasks.
The leader will send out details of the meeting up point in the week before the task.
Leader: Graham Dennis Phone: 01189 700155

18th November – Newnham Pond(s) – Typha (Greater reed-mace) removal

These ponds are important sites for great-crested newts, and need to be gradually cleared of the typha that was slowly but surely swamping them.
The water level was incredibly low on our visit last November, but somehow I doubt that we'll find such easy conditions again this time around!
In numbers permit, we will carry out some work on the smaller pond first before moving across the green to the main pond.
Note that it is essential to inform the leader that you will be attending as this task is dependent upon the weather and (the lack of) newt activity, so may have to be pulled at the last minute.
Meet at the green in Newnham (SU 705 541).
Leader: Dave Jewsbury Phone: 420818

25th November – Coppicing at Pamber Forest
Pamber Forest is BCV's premier reserve and probably the most popular with volunteers. The last programme saw two fine days of coppicing with lots of volunteers, sandwiching a very wet day which was unsurprisingly a bit less productive.
To find out more about coppicing and Pamber, take a look on our web-site.
Today we will continue the coppicing programme, probably working near to Bowmont's Brook.
The leader will confirm the meeting up point in the week before the task.
Leader: Paul Olive Phone: 01635 49304

9th December – Scrub bash at Headley Gravel Pit
This fine HWT reserve is renowned for its green-winged orchids, but has many other qualities too, including populations of dingy and grizzled skipper butterflies.
As there is no grazing, there is a perpetual need to keep scrub at bay and that is the task at hand today.
Note: Parking is very limited at the reserve entrance, so if you travel by car, please park in the lay-by on Ashford Hill Road in Headley and then make the 5 minute walk north-west along the A339 to the reserve entrance (on the left) at SU 512628.
Leader: Barry Hedger Phone: 07971 036166

16th December – Coppicing at Pamber Forest
It will be time for the traditional pre-Christmas task at Pamber Forest. We'll be coppicing again, most likely continuing the work started on 25th November. Hopefully all volunteers will be in festive mood after an evening of fun and games at Dave's house.
Leader: Steve Ord Phone: 07425 160394

13th January – Scrub bash at Noar Hill
We kick off the 2013 task programme with a visit to one of the jewels in the HWT crown. You wouldn't necessarily know it on a winter's day, but in the summer this reserve of humps and hollows close to Selbourne is home to a tremendous variety of orchid species. It is also one of the few remaining strongholds of the endangered Duke of Burgundy butterfly, so a day's work here is very much a day well spent.
Today's task is to clear some scrub near the centre of the reserve. We will be working with a local group of HWT volunteers, so this is also a chance to make some new friends.
The leader will provide details of where to meet during the week before the task.
Leader: Stuart Shurlock Phone: 07848 007947

27th January – Coppicing at Pamber Forest
A further continuation of the previous two tasks.
Leader: Martin Heath Phone: 07771 805000

3rd February – Coppicing at Pamber Forest
This is the last chance to work at Pamber in this task programme; hopefully we'll be able to look back on a successful season as the early signs of spring begin to show in the forest.
Leader: Barry Hedger Phone: 07971 036166

17th February – Bramshot Heath Scrub bash
We'll be finishing off this task programme by working on a new site for BCV.
Bramshot Heath is part of the HWT Grazing Reserves project and is close to Fleet.
We are not able to confirm further details at the moment due to some access issues, but hopefully these will have been resolved well before this task comes around.
Leader: Mike Norman Phone: 01635 268482

SOCIAL EVENTS NOVEMBER 2012 to FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday 2 December **10:00** **Oxford Museum Visit**
Oxford is blessed with some excellent museums and today we'll be visiting one or more them. The Ashmolean, Natural History and Pitt Rivers museums are all within a stone's throw of each other and are all free, so there's plenty to keep us busy for the day!
Contact Paul Olive on 01635 49304 for more details.

Tuesday 4 December **20:00** **Committee Meeting**
We're meeting up at Mike's house for the mid-programme discussion of how things are going, making future plans etc. All welcome.
Contact Mike Norman on 01635 268482 for more info.

Saturday 15 December **19:00** **Christmas Silly Games**
We had a hoot last year, tackling physical contortions, brain teasers and just plain daft games, so we're doing it all over again this year, at Dave's house. The plan is for everyone to bring some silly games ideas, a finger food contribution to share and to supply your own drink.
Contact Dave Jewsbury on 420818 to say you'll be attending and to make sure we don't end up with 200 mince pies and nothing else to eat!

Sunday 6 January **10:00** **Winter Walk**
We're starting off the new year in our traditional manner, which is to have a bracing winter walk to help clear the system of those Christmas excesses. Dave will provide details of the planned route a little nearer the time. There may well be the option of a pub lunch.
Contact Dave Jewsbury on 420818 for all the details.

Tuesday 5 February **20:00** **Committee Meeting**
It's committee meeting time again at the Red Lion pub. We'll be finalizing details of the Spring 2013 programme and planning other future events. All welcome.
Contact any committee member for more information.

Sunday 10 February **10:00** **Bird-watching**
Mike is leading this trip to the south coast, to hopefully see many of the birds that make Britain's coastline one of the best places in the world to see maritime birds in their winter homes. The exact location will be announced nearer the time.
Contact Mike Norman on 01635 268482 for more info.

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