Membership and Subscriptions

If you want to join BCV phone the Membership Secretary Mike on 01635 268482 or email membership@basingstokecv.org.uk. 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. *Italics* indicates a social event or committee meeting rather than a conservation task.

BCV Programme November to February 2013-14

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 they 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).

Sunday 10th November Coppicing at Pamber Forest

This marks the first of several tasks at BCV's adopted home site. Coppicing was a traditional practice of producing materials from underwood, usually Hazel. It creates a series of open spaces in different stages of growth and each stage is exploited by a range of different species. The high biodiveristy value this creates ensures that this practice remains a priority of woodland conservation. BCV will be mimicking this practice by cutting the hazel, creating the odd habitat pile and burning the brash on a nice bonfire. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader and look out for their email advertising the task to find the details.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 420818

Sunday 24th November Scrub bash at Aldersbrook

The combined effect of BCV's scrub removal and the establishment of a grazing regime by the owner should now be shaping the site for the benefit of wildlife. A lot of progress has been made in clearing the scrub alongside the brook and it is now almost gone. We will be shifting our attention to the scrub on the other side of the field this winter. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader and look out for their email to find out the details.

Leader: Stuart Phone: 07848007947

Sunday 8th December Coppicing at Pamber Forest

We are back again at Pamber to continue the coppicing program. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader and look out for their email advertising the task to find out whereabouts we will be working.

Leader: Stuart Phone: 07848007947

Wednesday 11th December Committee Meeting

Committee meeting to discuss how the programme is progressing.

Leader: Paul Phone: 01635 49304

Saturday 21st December Solstice Supper

Come along for BCV's traditional before Christmas meal. This year Dave is hosting at his house and is asking each attendee to bring along a dish to share. I doesn't have to be festive related but please make sure you contact him so there aren't any duplicates! Look out for the details before the event.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 420818

Sunday 22nd December Coppicing at Pamber Forest

Join us for this pre-Christmas session and work off a few extra calories before tackling the festive season. There will also be an opportunity for taking home a small Scots pine for your Christmas tree. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader and look out for their email circulating the task details.

Leader: Graham Phone: 01189700155

Sunday 5th January New Year's Walk

Join us for a stroll through the countryside which will very likely be to a pub…..Please contact the leader beforehand and look out for their email to find out the details.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 420818

Sunday 12th January Coppicing at Pamber Forest

Out first task of 2014 sees us back at Pamber to continue with the coppicing program. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader beforehand and look out for their email to find out the details.

Leader: Steve Phone: 07425 160394

Sunday 26th January Scrub bash at Aldersbrook

This is our second task of the winter at Aldersbrook and sees us removing further scrub. The combined scrub removal and grazing regime will help with the restoration of the rare and valuable grassland habitat that has gained this site it's designation as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader and look out for their email to find out the task details.

Leader: Barry Phone:07971036166

Sunday 2nd February Bird watching trip

Join us on a trip to see some of the birds that visit the south of Britain during the winter months. Depending on the prevailing conditions, we could be visiting one of the coastal reserves around the Solent to see geese, wildfowl and waders, or maybe travelling to the New Forest in search of Hawfinches and Hen Harriers. The exact destination will be decided during the week before. However, we will be meeting up in Basingstoke at about 9.30 and expect to be out most of the day.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Wednesday* 5th *February Committee meeting

Committee meeting at the Red Lion pub, Mortimer West end to discuss the next programme. Meeting time is 8pm.

Leader: Graham Phone: 01189700155

Sunday 9th February Coppicing at Pamber Forest

This is our final coppicing task of the Program. This should be just in time for the dormant woodland herbs beneath the coppice to get cracking over March and April. Make sure to visit again over this time to see the results of all your hard work this winter! Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader and look for their email with the task details beforehand.

Leader: Paul Phone: 01635 49304

Sunday 23rd February Fen meadow cut and ditch digging at Sherbourne St John

This small site is a surviving fragment of a much larger wet meadow. The current owners have managed it admirably for its wildlife interest for years but now require some help. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. This site has limited parking and access and numbers are limited on this task. Contacting the leader beforehand is a must.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

The BCV Committee

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