## 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 July to October 2014

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 6th July Haymaking at Pamber Forest**

July marks the time for the hay cut in Pamber Forest. This sunny, long and linear meadow is flanked by high woodland cover to one side and lower more thickly vegetated coppice coops on the other. Its many herbaceous plants and grasses (which are crowded out in the neighbouring woodland habitats) are exploited by a myriad of invertebrates looking for nectar, cover or a place to roost, which will be in turn eaten by birds and bats. Look out for butterflies such as the Silver Washed Fritillary and Ringlet feeding while on task. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader beforehand to let them know you are attending.

**Leader: Steve Phone: 07425 160394**

**Sunday 20th July Tree-felling at Pamber Forest**

We will be working in the wood pasture, doing some selective tree-felling. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader beforehand to let them know you are attending.

**Leader: Stuart Phone: 07848007947**

**Sunday 3rd August Mini Board Walk creation at Mill Field**

We will be working with the Mill Field Conservation group to help them build a Boardwalk at this Local Nature Reserve between Basingstoke and Old Basing. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader beforehand to let them know you are coming.

**Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482**

***Wednesday 6th August Committee Meeting***

Committee meeting at Mike's house to discuss how the programme is progressing. Meeting time is at 8pm. Contact Mike for directions.

**Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482**

**Sunday 24th August Scrub bash at Headley Gravel Pit**

Scub bashing is needed to ensure this valuable grassland remains. The task details will be confirmed by the task leader before the event. 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: Dave Phone: 01256 420818**

**Sunday 7th September Meadow cut 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. Spaces are limited for this task so please contact the leader beforehand to let them know you are interested in coming.

**Leader: Barry Phone: 07971036166**

**Sunday 21st September Coppicing at Pamber Forest**

The first coppicing task of the season. 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 bonfire.

**Leader: Paul Phone: 01635 49304**

***Wednesday 1st October 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 12th October Coppicing at Pamber Forest**

We are continuing our autumn coppicing program at Pamber. 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: Steve Phone: 07425 160394**

***Saturday 18th October Quiz evening at Mike's house***

This evening sees the return of the BCV DIY Quiz Night. The idea is that each person brings along their own set of 20 questions so they can be quiz master for one round. The subject for your round is up to you so feel free to be creative! Please also bring along some drinks and nibbles to help the evening along. Start time is 7.30pm.

**Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482**

**Friday 26th October** **Scrub Bash at Ashford Hill**

We will be visiting Ashford Hill NNR, the only National Nature Reserve on BCV's patch. Managed by Natural England, National Nature Reserves are designated because they are deemed to be the finest examples of their habitats around, in this case lowland neutral grassland. We will be helping with the scrub management regime. Please contact the leader beforehand to find out the details. The site can be wet so parking can be tricky.

**Leader: Graham Phone: 01189700155**

# *The BCV Committee*

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