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 March to June 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 2nd March Coppicing at Pamber Forest

This is the penultimate 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 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 23rd March Coppicing at Pamber Forest

Our final coppicing task of the season. If you have time over the next few weeks take the opportunity to visit the coups you helped cut throughout the winter. Hopefully the plants and animals of this ancient woodland will begin to use these important open areas. 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: Graham Phone: 01189700155

Sunday 13th April Willow cutting and fence repair at the Hatch

Come along to this fascinating restored wet grassland site, adjacent to one of the botanically richest half acres in Hampshire, Mapledurwell fen. Work here helps in the management of both sites which share many species and habitat management requirements. 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: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Wednesday 16th April Committee Meeting

Committee meeting at Dave's house to discuss how the programme is progressing.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 420818

Sunday 27th April **Fence repair and other tasks on Fleet area reserves**

This task will see us working on the Fleet area reserves. 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: Stuart **Phone: 07848007947**

Sunday 11th May **Fencing at Pamber Forest**

This marks the first of our deer fencing of the coppice coups to protect them from excessive browsing by deer. Deer now exist in much larger numbers than they would have in the past. Hunting of deer is now limited and they have no other natural predators left. This increase in numbers, coupled with the introduction of non-native deer causes excessive browsing within woodlands. This can lead to a removal of structure and plant diversity which results in less microhabitats and a change in plant and animal assemblages. This ultimately lowers biodiversity. By ensuring the deer have no access to coups normal processes can continue unhampered. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader before-hand and look out for their email to find out the details.

Leader: Barry **Phone: 07971036166**

Sunday 18th May ***Walk at Bentley Wood***

Bentley Wood is a hidden gem in a little-known corner of Wiltshire. It is particularly known for butterflies that specialise in coppice woodland, which have declined greatly in the many other parts of the country. Last spring, we had a very enjoyable walk in this area that took in part of Bentley Wood, but, possibly due to the unusually cold spring, we were not successful in seeing specialist butterflies like Pearl-bordered Fritillary or Duke of Burgundy. This time we will be making a shorter walk around the wood a couple of weeks later in the season, in the hope of finding these and also the more familiar spring species like Brimstone, Orange Tip or Peacock. We will be leaving from Basingstoke at 10.00. Please bring a packed lunch.

Leader: Mike **Phone: 01635 268482**

Sunday 1st June ***Walk along the river Thames***

Join us for a walk along a picturesque part of the river Thames. We shall be setting out from Goring and heading along the river towards Pangbourne where we will be on the look-out for the scarce Club-tailed dragonfly. Depending on the feeling and weather we will either carry on to Hartslock nature reserve or double back and head to the Hollies, a reserve on Streatley Hill via a tea shop in the village. Meeting time is at 10.30 in the main car park in Goring.

Leader: Steve **Phone: 07425 160394**

Wednesday 4th June ***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 8th June **Fencing at Pamber Forest**

We are continuing our summer fencing 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: Paul **Phone: 01635 49304**

Friday 20th June ***Nightjar Walk***

This evening we will be looking for Nightjars likely on Silchester common or Benyon's enclosure. Nightjars like to nest in very open areas on heathland and are active at night. Look out for the email from the leader with meeting point and meeting time ahead of the event.

Leader: Graham Phone: 01189700155

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