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 2014-15

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.

Sunday 2nd November Ecchinswell Pond

Please note this is not a BCV led task but is a task which BCV members have traditionally attended and for which we provide tools. Join the people of Ecchinswell in the management of their village pond, a home to much wildlife including the Great Crested Newt. Barbecue Lunch is usually provided to all those who turn up to help. Start time on site will be from 9.30. Please contact Mike for more details.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Sunday 16th November Scrub Bash at Ashford Hill

We continue our work at this special site, the only NNR (National Nature Reserve, designated because they are the best examples of their habitat type) in our area. We will be scrub bashing to maintain this remnant of neutral grassland which is relatively untouched by modern farming practices and therefore rich in wildlife. 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 the details.

Leader: Graham Phone: 01189700155

Sunday 30th 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 out the details.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 420818

Tuesday 2nd December Committee Meeting

Committee meeting to discuss how the programme is progressing.

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Sunday 7th December 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 again 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

Saturday 20th December Christmas Party at Dave's

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. It does not 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 21st 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: Paul Phone: 01635 49304

Sunday 4th January New Year's Walk

Join us for a stroll through the countryside around historic Silchester, a place steeped with roman history and excellent wildlife refuges….. Please contact the leader beforehand and look out for their email to find out the details.

Leader: Graham Phone: 01189700155

Sunday 11th January Scrub Bash at Stubbington Down

Come along to our first task at this new site just outside of Kingsclere. This area of chalk grassland has been identified by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation as an area crucial in providing a stepping stone between areas rich in wildlife. Improvements here will help create an area through which isolated wildlife populations can hopefully safely traverse and interact with each other. 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: Barry Phone: 07971036166

Sunday 25th January 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: Steve Phone: 07425 160394

Tuesday 3rd 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 8th February Hedge laying at College Copse Farm

Another new site for us this winter, this is a new farm managed by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust near Hook. 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

Sunday 22nd February Coppicing at Pamber Forest

This is our final coppicing task of the programme. 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 1st March 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

The BCV Committee

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