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 2015-16

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 1st 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. Lunch is usually provided to all those who turn up to help but please contact Mike for more details. Start time on site will be from 9.30.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Sunday 15th November Coppicing at Pamber Forest

This marks the first of several tasks at BCV's adopted home site of this programme. 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: Paul Phone: 01635 49304

Sunday 29th November Scrub Bashing at Greywell Fen

The focus of this task is to remove bramble, small scrub and burn up chopped up willow on this wetland SSSI important for its rare plant and invertebrate assemblages. 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: Barry Phone: 07971 036166

Tuesday 8th December Committee Meeting at Mike's House

Committee meeting to discuss how the programme is progressing. Start time 8pm.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Saturday 19th December Christmas Quiz at Mike's

Come along for BCV's evening of quizzing. Can you beat BCV's very own 'mastermind' Mike on his home turf? Look out for the details before the event.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Sunday 20th 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: Dave Phone: 01256 420818

Sunday 3rd January New Year's Walk

Join us for a stroll through the countryside to work off those Christmas calories….. Please contact the leader beforehand and look out for their email to find out the details.

Leader: Paul Phone: 01635 49304

Sunday 10th January Path and Pond Clearance at Crabtree fish ponds

We will be heading back to Crabtree Plantation to re-establish some lost paths and then getting into some clearance work within the ponds themselves. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. Please contact the leader and look out for their email.

Leader: Stuart Phone: 07848 007947

Sunday 24th January Coppicing at Pamber Forest

We are back again at Pamber to continue the coppicing programme. 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 26th January Committee meeting

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

Leader: Graham Phone: 01189 700155

Saturday 30th January Meal Out

We will be heading out to a restaurant or pub within BCV's extended patch. Look out for more details closer to the time.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 420818

Sunday 7th February Greywell Fen or College Copse Farm

The exact location of this task will be decided nearer the time. If necessary we will finish off the work started at Greywell Fen in November. College Copse 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 21nd February Coppicing at Pamber Forest

This is our final coppicing task of the programme. This should be just in time before the dormant woodland herbs beneath the coppice 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: Graham Phone: 01189 700155

Sunday 28th 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. Contrary to recent tradition we will be keeping the bird watching local this time. We will probably be heading out to Gravel Pits along the Kennet valley to look for wildfowl and making sure we stop by a suitable café or pub along the way. Look out for more details before the trip.

Leader: Steve Phone: 07425 160394

The BCV Committee

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