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 2016

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 13th March Ride Edge work at Pamber Forest or Inhams Copse

We will be cutting indentations into the woodland along the ride edges (scallops). 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: Stuart Phone: 07848 007947

Sunday 20th March Meadow cutting 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. Spaces are limited for this task so please contact the leader beforehand to let them know you are interested in coming.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Sunday 3rd April Rush cutting at the Hatch

We will be heading to the Hatch in Old Basing. This is a grassland and wetland site with a small area of restored Fen. The cattle on site keep the habitat managed however they are not keen on eating the rush. We will be concentrating on cutting the rush to ensure to it does not come to dominate the sward.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Sunday 10th April Gorse Pulling at Wigmore Heath

We will be going to a new site; Wigmore Heath in Tadley. Wigmore Heath is down Shyshack Lane and is remnant habitat left over from the housing developments and forestry. Basingstoke and Deane have been undertaking some work there and are looking for help with the habitat restoration. We will be going there to hand pull Gorse.

Leader: Steve Phone: 07425 160394

Tuesday 12th April Committee Meeting

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

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Sunday 1st May Spring Walk

Paul will be leading us on a spring time walk. Look out for the details ahead of time.

Leader: Paul Phone: 01635 49304

Sunday 8th May Fencing at College Copse Farm

The exact details of this task are to be confirmed nearer the time but it is likely to be fence repair on College Copse Farm. 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 22nd May Bracken Bashing at Pamber

A native of woodland, bracken was a useful plant in historic terms; it was collected so it could be burned for potash or used for animal bedding. No longer controlled via harvesting it can creep into open glades and heathlands where it can shade and enrich the soil. This is usually detrimental to the special attributes of these habitats. Within Pamber several of these vulnerable areas exist; in the recent past bracken encroachment was controlled through a combination of pesticide use and occasionally by hand. We shall be helping with the latter. 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

Tuesday 24th* May *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

Sunday 5th June BCV Bioblitz

BCV are visiting a site in Basingstoke to conduct a 'bioblitz', the process of finding as many different species as possible on a single site. If you fancy improving your natural history skills or learning some new ones this will be the task for you. The information gained can provide a snapshot of species on a site which can be used to inform management and prompt investigation. 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: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th June Hairstreak Hunting

We will be taking a trip to Oxfordshire hunting for the elusive Black Hairstreak, a rare butterfly which feeds on young Blackthorn. This trip is weather dependent and the best day of the weekend will be picked to go.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Sunday 19th June Bracken Bashing at Pamber Forest

We are heading back to Pamber for some more Bracken Bashing**.** 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: Barry Phone: 07971 036166

The week of 20th June Nightjar Walk

This week we will be looking for Nightjars most likely on Silchester common or Benyon's enclosure. Nightjars like to nest in open areas on heathland and are active at night. This is a weather dependent trip so look out for the email from the leader with meeting point and meeting time ahead of the event.

Leader: Graham Phone: 01189 700155

The BCV Committee

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