Membership and Subscriptions

If you want to join BCV phone the Membership Secretary Paul on 01635 49304 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 2016 to February 2017

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 30th October ***Ecchinswell Village Pond Day***

Over the past few years, BCV has been providing specialist tools and extra pairs of hands to help Ecchinswell on their annual Pond Day. The aim is to selectively remove some of the more aggressive aquatic vegetation, thus maintaining a mix of open water and vegetated margins. Please note that while the village provide BBQ lunch, as this is not an official BCV task we do not provide tea/biscuits. Please bring a flask if you wish to break for a hot drink. The start time is 9.30am, usually finishing at about 2pm.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Sunday 6th November ***Burnham Beeches Trip***

Join us for a walk round the famed Burnham Beeches near Maidenhead. The site has a mixed cover of broad-leaved woodland and heathland with many ancient trees. At this time the Beech trees should have their autumn colour and we should find some fungi to ID. We will be leaving from Basingstoke at 9.00am, or meet on site at 10.00am.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Sunday 20th November **Coppicing at Pamber Forest**

Coppicing was traditionally practiced in Pamber Forest and was responsible for a great diversity of plants and insects in the temporary glades generated while producing useful materials from the cut underwood, usually Hazel. The technique fell out of favour in the mid 20th century but was revived when the Forest became a nature reserve. BCV will be cutting Hazel and other smaller trees, creating the odd habitat pile and burning the brash on a bonfire. Tea/Coffee, refreshments and biscuits will be provided by the leader. The exact location will vary according to the progress of the season's work. Please contact the leader and look out for their email advertising the task to find the details.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Sunday 4th December Winter Work in the Hook/Rotherwick Area

Hampshire Wildlife Trust have a number of reserves in the area around Hook, east of Basingstoke. We will be carrying out traditional winter work on one of these sites, which could include scrub clearance, coppicing, fencing or hedgelaying. 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

Saturday 17th December Committee Meeting at Dave's house

An opportunity to keep up to speed with the goings-on of BCV. To be held immediately before the following event. The start time will be 6pm.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Saturday 17th December Games Evening at Dave's house

A minor BCV tradition is to meet just before Christmas for an evening of games, hopefully not too serious and the sillier the better. This will be held at Dave's house in Basingstoke as he has the floor-space for maximum silliness. Please bring along some ideas for games, plus snacks/finger foods and your choice of beverage. The start time will be 7.30pm.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Sunday 18th December Coppicing at Pamber Forest

The usual pre-Christmas task in Pamber Forest. A good opportunity to pass around any festive party food you have left over while striving to lose some calories. 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: Graham Phone: 01189 700155

Sunday 8th January New Year's Walk

Another well-established BCV tradition is to blow away the Christmas/New Year cob-webs by meeting for a fairly leisurely ramble in the local countryside. Details to be provided nearer the time, but the distance will be a maximum of 5 or 6 miles, with a pub-lunch to be had at or near the conclusion.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Sunday 15th January Coppicing at Millfield, Old Basing

This site behind the Millstone pub at Old Basing is a valuable open space that is managed for nature by a local group affiliated to Natural Basingstoke. As well as the open field (grading down to a fen margin) there are areas of woodland and we have been asked to help with coppicing of some young oak regrowth. 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: Paul Phone: 01635 49304

Sunday 29th January Coppicing at Pamber Forest

Continuing the winter coppicing programme. The exact location of the work will depend on the progress so far. 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: Barry Phone: 07971 036166

Tuesday 7th* 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: 01189 700155

Sunday 12th February Winter Work in the Hook/Rotherwick Area

We return to the area around Hook for more winter tasks on behalf of HWT. 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: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Sunday 19th February Visit to Whitchurch Silk Mill

A trip to the small country town of Whitchurch to visit the last traditional silk mill still operating in Britain. Also possibly an opportunity to walk alongside the lovely River Test and take lunch in a local pub. Meet at 9.30am in Basingstoke.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Sunday 26th February Coppicing at Pamber Forest

We will be continuing the autumn/winter coppicing programme in Pamber Forest. The exact location in the Forest will be provided nearer the day. 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

Sunday 5th March Gorse Control at Wigmore Heath

Another return to this site in Baughurst where we have been helping with heathland restoration over the past year. Wigmore Heath is down Shyshack Lane and is remnant habitat left over between the housing developments and forestry plantations. In danger of becoming completely overgrown, Basingstoke and Deane council have been scraping back selected areas and are looking for our help to give the heather regrowth a head start by removing competing vegetation, principally Gorse. 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

The BCV Committee

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