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 2017 to February 2018

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 5th November **Coppicing at Pamber Forest**

We will be continuing the autumn/winter coppicing programme in Pamber Forest. 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 biodiversity 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 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 326828**

Sunday 19th November **Winter work at Hook Area Reserves**

We will be carrying out work on one of Hampshire Wildlife Trust's diverse group of reserves to the east of Basingstoke. Depending on where we are needed we could be clearing scrub from chalk grassland, fen or heathland, cutting hazel coppice or maintaining fence-lines. 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 3rd December **Scrub clearance at Abbotstone Down**

Abbotstone Down is a small site of scrub & woodland with some excellent chalk grassland on an Iron Age hill fort managed by Hampshire County Council. Large scale tree removal works will be going on this winter and BCV will be helping with the accompanying scrub removal. 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: Steve **Phone: 07425 160394**

Tuesday 5th December Committee Meeting

Committee meeting at Steve's house to discuss how the programme is progressing. Start time is 8pm.

Leader: Steve Phone: 07425 160394

Saturday 16th December Christmas get-together and quiz

A chance to meet up with other members of the group to share some buffet food and test your knowledge in a quiz. The venue will be Dave's house, starting at 7pm.

Leader: Dave Phone: 01256 326828

Sunday 17th December Coppicing at Pamber Forest

The usual pre-Christmas event at Pamber Forest. We will be continuing the autumn/winter coppicing programme whilst sharing any festive goodies people wish to bring along. 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 7th January New Year's Walk

The traditional BCV opportunity to start working off some of those surplus pounds added over Christmas. The start time will probably be 10am, with a length of about 5-6 miles and pub lunch at or near the end. The exact location and meeting point will be provided nearer the time.

Leader: Paul Phone: 01635 49304

Sunday 14th January 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: David Phone: 07767 822265

Saturday 20th January Meal out in Basingstoke

Banish the January blues by joining us for a meal out in Basingstoke. The venue and start time will be provided nearer the day. Look out for the email with details.

Leader: Mike Phone: 01635 268482

Sunday 28th January Winter management at Cliddesden Churchyard

After a successful visit last spring, we are returning to help with the management of this churchyard which has a sufficiently diverse grassland flora to be rated a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) by Hampshire County Council. Once again we will help complete the grass cutting, carry out some selective scrub removal and continue to consolidate the (rather large) compost heap . 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

Tuesday 6th* 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 11th February Scrub clearance at Millfield, Old Basing

Millfield is a local nature reserve of remarkable diversity situated between Old Basing and Chineham. The habitat ranges from fen and damp woodland nearest the Loddon, through to chalk grassland on the higher northern edge. We will be returning to help with their constant winter battle against the encroaching scrub. 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**

Sunday 18th February Birdwatching

This will probably involve a visit to one of the many good birding locations along the Solent shore. We expect to be out most of the day and will be taking a packed lunch. Look out for the email the week before for final details of location etc.

Leader: Steve **Phone: 07425 160394**

Sunday 25th 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: Paul **Phone: 01635 49304**

The BCV Committee

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