

# THE COUNTRYSIDE IN WINTER



A series of Tuesday walks, all starting at 10:30am.



**Moderate (M) – up to 4 miles (1¾ hours)**  
**Rambler (R) – up to 5 ½ miles (2¼ hours)**

**19 November** – Along the Blackwater and back to the North (R)  
Meet at Horseshoe Lake car park, Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW

**17 December** – The Mince Pie Trail (R)  
A walk with refreshments and a festive mince pie afterwards.  
Meet at Frost Folly car park, Weller's Lane, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 6EN.

**20 January** – Winkfield Circuit (M)  
Meet at Winkfield Church, Church Road, Winkfield, Windsor SL4 4SF (alternative parking at The White Hart pub).

## Bracknell Forest Natural History Society talks



Venue: South Hill Park. Talks start at 7:30pm and end at about 9:30pm (Doors open from 7:15pm). Members entrance fee £1; visitors £3; under 16 free (annual membership £12). No booking required.

### 2019

**November 18** Farming for Wildlife  
*Des Sussex, Natural England*

**December 16** Blackwater Valley  
Countryside Trust  
*Colin Wilson, Vice Chair*

### 2020

**January 20** The Miracle of Bird Migration Explained!  
Mark Pearson, Expert ornithologist

**February 17** The Wildlife and Geology of Iceland and Norway  
David Phillips, Naturetrek's tour leader and expert naturalist

**March 16** Heathlands Underground  
Dr Martin Bidartondo, Imperial College London

**April 20** Swift Conservation  
Jan Stannard, Swift specialist and founder of the Maidenhead, Marlow and Cookham Swift Group

**18 February** – Shepherds Meadow & Around (R)

Meet at Sandhurst Memorial Park car park Yorktown Road, Sandhurst GU47 9DP.

**17 March** – Westly Mill then to the North & back via Cruchfield Lane (R)  
Meet at Jealott's Hill Community Landshare off of Wellers lane, Warfield.

**21 April** – Around Broadmoor (R)

Meet at Wildmoor Heath car park, Crowthorne Road, GU47 8PD.

## You might also like...



**Every Friday, 11:30am**  
**Nordic Walking, Swinley Forest**

New 11:30am class is on Fridays at The Look Out. It is bookable per half term and costs equal £5 per session (£6 including pole hire). Booking via [ruthaaron24@googlemail.com](mailto:ruthaaron24@googlemail.com) or 07961 356207. Each session is led by a qualified and insured instructor and includes a warm up, technique review/focus, a 2-2.5 mile walk and cool down and stretch. It is very social, allowing you to walk and talk and lots of fun. Our FB page is <https://en-gb.facebook.com/berkshirenordicwalking/>  
**Meet: 11:30am at The Look Out Discovery Centre car park, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell RG12 7QW. Car parking charges apply. Booking Essential.**

## Event Booking and advice

**Online booking and pre-payment is required for all our events unless otherwise stated.**

**Please bring your booking reference with you to the event.**

**For all events, particularly those taking place outdoors, please wear suitable clothing and footwear.**

**All children under 16 attending our events must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

**Events may be filmed and/or photographed - please specify to the photographer if you do not wish to be included in this.**

**Please note that ticket sales close at 9am the previous working day.**



**Walks**



**Nature conservation**



**Treasure hunts / fun activities for children**



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**Litter picks/ recycle**



**Wildlife**



**Talks**



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# Parks and countryside events programme



November 2019 - April 2020

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Should you require a copy of this leaflet in large print, please ask at the Look Out reception or call 01344 352000.

## NOVEMBER



### Small Mammal Surveying

Family friendly events to learn about small mammals and how to record them.

Each event is to be over two days with the evening to set up and put out traps and the morning to record what has been found. Participants won't necessarily be able to touch the animals. Please wear warm outdoor clothes and suitable footwear.

**Wednesday 6 November, 4pm - 5:30pm and Thursday 7 November 7:30am - 9:30am at Frost Folly.**

**Meet:** Frost Folly car park, Weller's Lane, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 6EN. **Cost:** £4 per participant. **Booking required.**

**Wednesday 13 November, 4pm - 5:30pm and Thursday 14 November, 7:30am-9:30am, at Garth Meadows.**

**Meet:** Parking at Larks Hill, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 4SR. Walk to Garth Meadows where we will meet at the noticeboard area. Please don't park on roadside. **Cost:** £4 per participant. **Booking required.**



### Community Litter Picks

**Friday 22 November, 10am-11 am, at South Hill Park**

**Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

**Thursday 5 December, 2pm-3pm, at Lily Hill Park**

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

## DECEMBER



**Saturday 14 December, 1pm-3pm Hazel Coppicing and Fire at West Garden Copse.**

Try out a traditional woodland craft that benefits wildlife. Toast marshmallows over an open fire and possibly take home your own beanpoles and firewood. Tools and light refreshments provided.

**Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY.



**Sunday 15 December, 10:30am-1:30pm Heathland Magic at Wildmoor Heath.**

Try your hand at harvesting birch trees to help conserve this precious site and possibly take home your own Christmas tree. Tools provided. Please bring work gloves. Suitable for all.

**Meet:** Wildmoor Heath car park, Crowthorne Road, RG45 7PP. **Booking required.**



**Friday 20 December, 10:30am-11:30am Festive Forage at South Hill Park.**

Join us for a festive walk around the beautiful grounds of South Hill Park and take advantage of this special opportunity to collect plant material for your festive decorations!

**Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

**Cost:** £4. **Booking required.**



**Saturday 21 December, 11am-1pm Community Litter Pick at Westmorland Park.**

**Meet:** Westmorland Park car park, Westmorland Drive, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 3QP.

## JANUARY



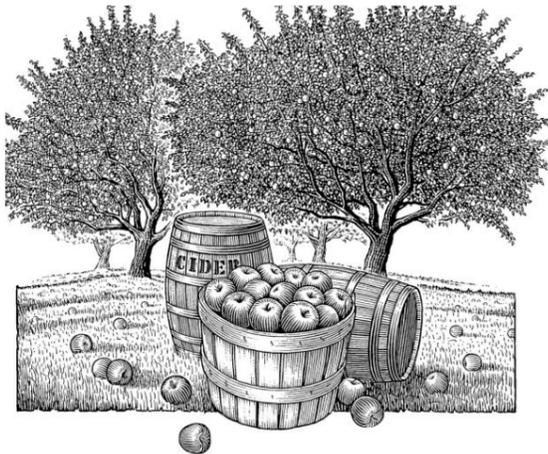
**Saturday 11 January, 5:30pm-7pm Traditional Orchard Wassail.**

Wassailing is an old English custom to celebrate and protect fruit trees and ensure a good harvest. Come and enjoy a simple revival of this seasonal tradition, by firelight at Lily Hill Park. Suitable for all. Bring cider\* or apple juice.

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

**Cost:** £4. **Booking required.**

\*Please drink responsibly.



**Sunday 19 January, 10am-1:30pm Heathland Management at Wildmoor Heath.**

Kick start your new year by helping the rangers conserve this precious site. Tools, training & refreshments provided. Please bring a pack lunch and work gloves. **Meet:** Wildmoor Heath car park, Crowthorne Road, RG45 7PP. **Booking required.**

## FEBRUARY



**Thursday 6 February, 10am-12noon. Orchard Pruning.**

Help prune Lily Hill Park's Community Orchard and learn how to care for your fruit trees.

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Booking required.**



**Tuesday 18 February, 10am-12noon Half Term Wildlife Workshop at Horseshoe Lake.**

Learn a range of outdoor skills including how to build, light and load a bonfire. Learn the safe way to cut down small trees and find out why this helps wildlife. Discover the best way to roast marshmallows on an open fire. Tools & refreshments provided. Please bring gloves, outdoor clothing and wellies! Best suited for 7yrs+-. **Meet:** Horseshoe Lake car park, Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW. **Cost:** £4. **Booking required.**



**Wednesday 19 February, 10:30am-12pm Help a hedgehog.**

An event for families or those interested in helping hedgehogs. Learn how to build a hedgehog house plus enjoy an explorer trail around Peacock Meadows, crafts and hands-on information. **Meet:** Jennett's Park car park, off Swift fields, Bracknell, RG12 8DY.



## MARCH



**Saturday 7 March, 11am-1pm Community litter pick at Westmorland Park.**

**Meet:** Westmorland Park car park, Westmorland Drive, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 3QP.



**Afternoon Guided Spring Strolls (2pm-3pm)**

Join our Heritage Parks Gardeners for relaxed spring walks around the beautiful grounds of South Hill Park and Lily Hill Park and learn some interesting facts about their history and management.

**Wednesday 11 March, at South Hill Park.**

**Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

**Cost:** £4. **Booking essential.**

**Thursday 19 March, at Lily Hill Park**

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. **Cost:** £4. **Booking essential.**



**Thursday 26 March, 10am-12pm Skylark and Flower Walk and Talk at Cabbage Hill.**

**Meet:** Cabbage Hill car park. **Booking required.**



**Exciting Spring Treasure Hunts!**

Solve a series of fun clues throughout our parks to win a nature-related prize. Early booking recommended to avoid disappointment. Morning or afternoon events available.

**Tuesday 7 April, at South Hill Park.**

**10am-11:30am or 1pm-2:30pm**

**Meet:** Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

**Cost:** £4 per child. **Booking essential.**

**Wednesday 8 April, at Lily Hill Park.**

**10am-11:30am or 1pm-2:30pm**

**Meet:** North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

**Cost:** £4 per child. **Booking essential.**

