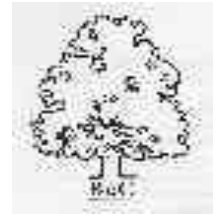




# BERKSHIRE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS



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## Task Reports

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September – Langton Herring – Neil Frankum

This is the sixth year in a row that I've been to Dorset for a weekend's drystone walling (out of the 7 visits



BeC have made), and at long last I think I'm starting to get the hang of it! That, or maybe it was just because we had some nicer bits of stone...



Above & Right – the collapsed wall before we started  
Below – view across the site.



When we arrived on Saturday morning we were met with a section of wall that had completely collapsed, and the adjacent section that was bulging so badly that it was only a matter of time before it gave way. Our first job was to clear back to something solid. At one end this was impossible as the pile of rubble disappeared into the adjacent thornbush. At the other end this meant taking the wall down almost as far as another section that had been recently rebuilt. We then worked our way down, only to find that the existing wall didn't actually have much in the way of foundations.



Nigel & Richard

So, having cleared the working area we set to work placing some of the larger stones at the base of the wall to give us a good foundation to build on. We then spent the afternoon adding on the first couple of layers of stone. When enthusiasm started waning at the end of the afternoon we utilised some off cuts of wire netting,

three pallets and a few posts to make the wall stock proof overnight (the sheep in one field had spent the day eyeing up the greener grass in the other field!).

The evening's entertainment was a trip up the coast to the beach at Eype. Richard was the only one to brave the water, before being even braver when he chose to set up the targets for our precision stone throwing competition.

Richard's homebrew wine & risotto completed the day.

We arrived on site on Sunday morning to meet John, the ranger, who was struggling to dismantle our stock proofing – the comment was something along the lines



of "I hope your walling is as good as your fencing!"

After helping us for a short time John departed to do the rest of his day's jobs whilst we continued with the walling. Unfortunately, the length of wall we had had to take down meant that we were not going to be able to complete the wall. We did however get it to about 2/3 height over most of the length, and got up to coping level on about a 1m length.

After cleaning the village hall, we went off to sit in the traffic jam caused by the Great Dorset Steam Fair for several hours. The last few people were dropped off with the fuel

gauge on red. Fortunately I made it to the Asda petrol station on the way home, only to find that they had run out of petrol... Luckily the Total garage next door was still open and still had petrol.



**19<sup>th</sup> September – Greenham Common – Neil Frankum (additional photos by Maurice Budden)**

The weather forecast for today was nice and sunny. Pity the Met Office got it wrong. At least the rain was fairly light and didn't carry on all the time. The task for today was to clear a section of a new 2km circular footpath through the woods at the Crookham end of the site. We were working on a couple of hundred metre long section alongside the road, clearing a mixture of gorse, bramble, birch, and oak. It was one of those tasks where you can really see the effect you had, as totally impenetrable vegetation made way for a nice accessible path. There was quite a display of





toadstools & other fungi. We also saw a little toad that posed quite nicely on Andrews hand. Six of us finished the day off with a meal at the Griffin. Our last chance of sitting outdoors before winter arrives?

Above, - Peter, Yamin, Richard & Rebecca cutting their way through the undergrowth.  
Above left - Lots of volunteers!  
Left - Cutting back the vegetation at the far end of the section we cleared.  
Below left - toad  
Below centre - The cleared path  
Below right - A Fly Agaric - One of the many fungi that we spotted



25<sup>th</sup> July - Kingwood Common - Neil Frankum



Louise, Giles, Mark, Ben, Richard, Philip, & Maurice at Kingwood Common

This was a new site for us (I think). The task was to clear an area of one of the rides to allow heather to recolonise as part of the heathland restoration process for the site. Nice task followed by a pub crawl around all the pubs north of Reading that are closed on a Sunday afternoon.



Above – Alisdair, Richard, Ben, Philip, Giles & Maurice at work in the cleared area.  
Below left – Nigel, Maurice, Richard, Giles, Mark, Louise, Philip & Ben Below right – Phil & Richard



**1<sup>st</sup> August – Beale Wildlife Park – David Fiddes**

Having cleared a couple of hay fields of thistles a few weeks before we returned to Child Beale to do a similar task in another field closer to the river.



Pulling docks & thistles by the river at Beale Park

Although the task was similar it was made much more interesting by the field providing quite a different habitat to the previous two fields. This was water meadow between the fishing lake and the river that featured a wide variety of fauna; and the odd wasp's nest! Alastair began the day by giving us a very interesting tour of the site. The rest of the day was spent picking and bagging dock and clearing the occasional thistle. The weather was superb and Richard and Laurence both ended up in the Thames.



Due to the heat the group began flagging at 3 and we retired to the pub for emergency refreshment - having done the obligatory meerkat visit. One of the wasps followed us to the pub, but after having sampled my shandy it staggered off across the beer garden not to bother us any further.

Above – Laurence & Richard cooling off in the Thames.  
Below – Maurice, Laurence, & Meerkat



**8<sup>th</sup> August – Pound Copse – Neil Frankum**

The task was the usual combination of spreading woodchip on the path, clearing overhanging vegetation, and bramble control. Maurice thought he had escaped, but his afternoon nap was caught on camera!

Below – Maurice. Right – Louise & Peter



**15<sup>th</sup> August – Yateley Common – Neil Frankum**



Extending the hard surface section of bridleway that we started the previous month. The construction technique was the same – wooden boards staked into place 3m apart to provide a solid edge to the path. A layer of birch brash was then put down to try and give a bit of solidity to the mud. A layer of coarse gravel then formed the main structure of the path, underneath a final surface of hogging. Everyone kept on complaining that I was doing the ‘easy’ job of tamping down the hogging surface, rather than shovelling the stuff into the barrows. However, judging by how much my arm muscles hurt the next few days, I think I would have been better off swapping to the allegedly ‘harder’ task! For the second week in a row we adjourned to The Swan in Arborfield for a nice, cheap, Sunday roast.



Middle – Peter, Maurice, Ben, Nigel, Philip, Vicky, Richard

**12<sup>th</sup> September - Wargrave – Photo Maurice Budden**



Above – Tea break at Wargrave  
Right – A misty view across the lake at Simon’s Wood.

**5<sup>th</sup> August - Finchampstead**  
 Torrential rain and traffic chaos didn’t bode well for our evening walk around Finchampstead Ridges. However, the rain stopped, and everyone eventually managed to fight their way through the traffic. We did a loop up through Simon’s Wood, looking at various former BeC tasks. We then went out onto the Ridges themselves. When it started getting dark we adjourned to the Queen’s Oak pub in Finchampstead for a drink or two



to finish the evening off. Until a few years ago, Finchampstead Ridges & Simon’s Wood was BeC’s most regular worksite with typically 10 tasks a year. Task here included lots of coppicing work, fencing, bridge building, and heathland restoration.

**22<sup>nd</sup> August – Kingwood Common – Neil Frankum**

So armed with spades and mattocks we set to work. I used the turf cutting method, whilst most of the others just hacked away with mattocks. The resulting spoil was stacked out of the way in the surrounding trees. Giles may actually come round and spread some heather seed later in the year to give the area a head start. In the afternoon a couple of people went off to do a little bit of scrub bashing.

Above – Maurice, Peter, Philip, & Giles

Right – Rodney, Maurice, Peter, Philip, Richard & Giles

Below - Lizard

Like the previous month's task at Kingwood Common, this task had the aim of restoring a small patch of the former heathland.

The idea was to scrape off the top layer of grass and topsoil to create an area suitable for the heather to re-colonise. Giles had had some success with the technique on a much smaller scale, but we were going for a much bigger area.



We also had a reptile spotting session, with a slowworm, and several baby common lizards being spotted.

Thanks to a trainee on the bar at the Red Lion at Rotherfield Peppard we got a nice Sunday roast to finish off the day (and the trainee got told not to take orders for Sunday roasts after 2pm, despite the sign outside saying food was available until 5pm!).

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## Thankyou

A big thankyou to Anna Townsend, who has volunteered to join the exalted ranks of being a BeC task leader. Lots of support required on her first tasks as leader on 31<sup>st</sup> October & 28<sup>th</sup> November.

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## Socials

### Pub – Sundays after task

If everyone feels up to it we sometimes adjourn to the pub after task. We'll usually decide where we are going on task, when we've found out what everyone wants to do.

### Other socials etc

These get arranged on an ad hoc basis - turn up on task, contact one of us, or sign up for the Email mailing list to find out the details.

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## Newsletter

As you can see, I've been more of a newsletter writer than editor this time. Thanks to those who contributed. It would be great if there were a few more contributions next time. How about a task report for a task you've been on? Or a different perspective on things from one of our newer members? All contributions welcome.

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## Snowdonia

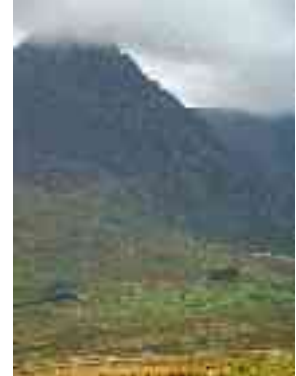
Following the cancellation of the task on the August Bank holiday Sunday, an idea that had been floating around for a month or so was put into action, with a weekends walking in Wales. After a flurry of Emails



Above – the campsite before the storm.

Right – a cloud covered Tryfan

and searches on the internet, a campsite was chosen, and some walks suggested. Six of us set off very early on Saturday morning, arriving at the campsite near Capel Curig early afternoon. After setting up camp and having a short rest we set off for what the campsite warden said was a three mile walk to the pub. After having to detour around a rather large bull, and an impassable bog where the footpath used to be, we trekked on towards the pub.



Quite a lot later we made it (on measuring the distance on the map, it was probably closer to five miles to the pub!). After a nice meal, and a failed attempt to get a taxi, we set off for the long walk back, this time with the added complications of the effects of alcohol and darkness. After your eyes got used to the dark it wasn't too bad when you realised that the really dark stuff under foot was bottomless mud, and the slightly lighter stuff was (usually) solid stone. At least no-one fell in, and it was a good fun start to the trip.

Right – negotiating the boggy path to the pub



Sunday morning dawned overcast & windy. We decided to split into two groups. June & Sian were off to go up Snowdon on the train. The rest of us were to set off to the hills northeast from the campsite. Just as we got our rucksacks on, the heavens opened. After a 10 minute adjournment into our tents while the worst blew over, we set off. By the time we were halfway up the first climb the rain had stopped, although (ominously) the gusts of wind were almost strong enough to blow you off of your feet. After descending from the first summit (Pen yr Helgi Du) to have our lunch in the shelter of some rocks, Phil decided to do a shorter walk back down to the valley. Nigel, Ben & I continued on up to our second summit (Pen Llithrig y Wrach). We then continued northeast along a heather covered ridge, before dropping down to the dam at the north end of Llyn Colwyd Reservoir. A walk along the side of the reservoir & down to the campsite completed the walk.



Unfortunately, we got back to find two of the tents had been flatted by the wind, one with a broken tent pole. Whilst discussing what to do another band of horizontal rain & strong winds blew in. A third tent got flattened, and the rain was driving into the others... So in the next lull in the storm the decision was taken to make a tactical retreat rather than spend an uncomfortable night in the wet. We eventually arrived back in Reading at some early hour in the morning. All in all, an enjoyable weekend slightly spoiled by the weather.

## Greetings From Down Under...

Our former Social Secretary, Richard, is off travelling down under. Here are a few excerpts from his Emails:

### 8<sup>th</sup> September – Alice Springs, Australia

Am writing this in Alice Springs - universally known as Alice. Ever since a kid, I have always wondered what the dot in the (almost) middle of Australia labelled Alice Springs was like and now, having been here for approx. 24 hours, am beginning to get an idea - quite big actually - 24,000 people big!

Anyway, am now on the worlds smallest continent but 6th largest country, referred to by the first explorers as *Terra Australis* - the southern continent, and subsequently as the Commonwealth of Australia from 1901 onwards, but usually called Oz / Australia by everyone. It is 31.5 times the size of Great Britain, roughly equivalent to the 48 contiguous states in the USA - so its massive and is as diverse as Clive James, Erroll Flynn, Nicole Kidman, Kylie (whose bum first hit the stage with "Locomotion" in 1987 - 17 years ago), Rolf Harris, Skippy the kangaroo, the Divinyls (remember the single, "I Touch Myself"?), Waltzing Matilda (composed by A B Patterson and is the National Anthem (when it isn't Rise Australian Fair)), XXXX, Fosters and of course, Neighbours and Home & Away. It is the home of the koala, duck-billed platypus, egg-laying mammals, poisonous lizards (and snakes) and the "I don't know" mammal - the kangaroo.

So there is lots to see (and avoid) and have started making that journey! Arrived, bleary eyed in Darwin and after a day of orientating myself (am currently upside down remember) and getting accustomed to 31°C heat and excessive moisture (humidity), wandered around Australia's northern most city. My first real adventure was spending 3 days on my own, birding around Kakadu NP - it is a mere 200,000 sq km (approx the size of Wales). Got to see some superb species, self-found rainbow pitta being my favourite plus my first kookaburra (laughing jackass) and agile wallaby, dingo and wallaroo (in between a wallaby and kangaroo). Returned to Darwin to join my tour that will eventually take me from the Tropical north to the Temperate South, a distance of around 3000km if you drove in a straight line - which is what you actually do because there is not much need to drive round anything in the middle of Australia!

Having visited some famous Aboriginal rock art at Noulangie Rock and Ubirr (including some gorgeous and spectacular sunsets), returned to Darwin, experiencing a pretty nasty backpackers - 3 toilets, lots of people - not good - before hitting the bitumen that is the Stuart Highway that makes its way south towards Adelaide. In three days, have travelled in excess of 1500km and am only half way - I think this is the equivalent of driving from John O Groats (Northern Scotland for all those non-British, unfamiliar with Highland villages) to somewhere around Paris I guess. Passed through some amazing landscapes, not least Katherine's Gorge where I canoed for 2.5 hours along Katherine's Creek, taking great care to avoid Salties (Saltwater Crocodiles - **they can kill you!**) & dodgy sexual innuendo. Sank a few tinnies in Daly Waters Pub in the small hamlet of Daly (population 15) - which was actually an international airport in the 1920s/1930s when planes stopped to refuel from Singapore on the way to Sydney. Stayed in Tennants Creek, sleeping in a Swag Bag under the stars by a camp fire and yesterday evening, arrived in Alice Springs, that city where I have wondered what was there.

### 18<sup>th</sup> September – Mildura, Victoria, Australia

However, returning north, the two days in Alice Springs turned out to be superb. Spent a glorious day in the Desert Park where I managed to get good views of some of Australia's least seen animals such as Bilbys, Mala, various snakes, skinks and my favourite, two horny devils (a kind of lizard that feeds exclusively on ants). The park is situated within the foothills of the MacDonnell Ranges that run approx. 200km east and west of Alice. I decided that I quite liked Alice and to (almost) quote a lyric in a pop song "Where the f\*\*k is Alice" - well it is 15,020km from London (I have the photo to prove it) and almost in the dead centre of Australia.

Two days were not enough but at silly o' clock in the morning (that's approximately 12 hours before beer o' clock), t'was picked up for my six day trip south, passing through the Heavitree Gap (where the Stuart Hwy passes through the MacDonnell Ranges) to make my way to Uluru, Kata Tjuta, Coober Pedy, Parachila, Wilpena Pound and then eventually, to Adelaide. Imagine my delight, yes delight to discover that not only would I have a whole two seats to myself but 6 lovely ladies got on board and one other bloke - an Irish lad from County Cork. The words 'element' and 'In my' immediately sprang to mind....

Now, we have all heard of Uluru (Ayers Rock) and have seen the photos but to see it for oneself is a totally different ball game. All sorts of superlatives spring to mind but as I'm a POM[E] (which by the way is an acronym standing for *Prisoner Of Mother England* - they've dropped the 'E'), I shall remain cool and collected....nah, it was fS\*%ing amazing! We got there for sunset, approx 30km north so we got to see Uluru and Kata Tjuta standing majestically below blood-red, orange and purple skies, a truly awesome site and one to remember!

Now, the weirdest place on earth was next on our itinerary, the delightfully named place of Coober Pedy (meaning 'white mans burrows') due to the large opal mines located here. The lure of great richness has attracted people from all around the world, mostly Italians, Greek and Croats (the Eskimo recently left - straight-up, honest, there was one but it got too hot for him - during the summer (February time), surface temperatures reach in excess of 50 degrees in the shade, well actually, there is no shade, not a single naturally occurring tree to be found. It looks like somewhere at the end of the

world and many a film has been shot here (e.g. Mad Max III) due to the scenery. It is not only surface temperatures that rise here - due to the easily available dynamite (you can hop in to the supermarket and find it stacked on a shelf (next to the deli counter I think), the police station has been blown up twice, the post office once and many a vehicle as a result of the odd argument / disagreement! A real frontier town atmosphere then. *[Of course, when I flew to Melbourne, I got randomly selected for an explosive trace search - they didn't pick anything up]*. Everyone lives underground and indeed we slept in a subterranean motel and drank in the underground bar (here, you actually have to climb up in order to reach the gutter in order to fall in it if you drink too much).

Finally arrived in Adelaide (pop 1 million) on the 15th September, two weeks after leaving Darwin, an approximate distance of 6000km travelled, 100 species of feathered birds, lots of kangaroos, wallabies (wallaroos do exist and here a Euro is not a currency but another type of kangaroo) and lizards. Am now in Mildura, VIC before being dropped off at Gluepot Nature Reserve, SA for a 2 month sojourn, 64km north of Waikerie in the back o' bourke. It has its own website (<http://www.riverland.net.au/gluepot/>).

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## Task Details: 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2004

To book for task, please contact the task-leader listed below (If possible, by the Thursday before the task). Transport is available from the Tool Store at Caversham Court at 9:10am, and from the front of Reading Station (near the taxi rank) at 9:30am. Other pick-up points can sometimes be arranged – please contact the task-leader.

You are advised to wear old clothing, and stout boots or wellies (preferably with steel toecaps). Also bring waterproofs and a packed lunch, BeC will provide Tea/Coffee/Squash and Biscuits. As it is autumn we could experience any type of weather, so wrap up warm, and bring the sun cream!!

Whenever possible, please do let the task leader know you are planning to come on task. Occasionally task details change at short notice, and we can only let you know of changes if we know you are planning to attend the task. However we do always take enough tools and biscuits for a few extras, so if you get the urge on Sunday morning, but haven't booked, you will still be made welcome.

We usually go to the pub after task, so remember to bring some money (and a change of clothes if it's likely to be a very muddy task) if you want to join us.

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### RUSCOMBE VILLAGE POND

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004

Task: Pond work, and a bit of tree work in a currently dried out pond. Joint task with Friends Of Ruscombe Woods.  
 Leader: Philip Allen 0118 941 0471  
 Meet at: 10-15am at the Ruscombe crossroads (Grid ref: SU796763). From the traffic lights in the middle of Twyford, head east along the A3032. In about 300m, fork right onto the B3024 towards Ruscombe and White Waltham. The pond is on the right in about 600m next to the crossroads. We may be working at a second pond, which is about another 300m along the road.  
 Userbody: Ruscombe Parish Council.

### WILDMOOR, Crowthorne

10<sup>th</sup> October 2004

Task: Rhododendron control.  
 Leader: Neil Frankum 0118 975 1528  
 Meet at: 10:15 in the car park on the road heading south towards Sandhurst from Crowthorne. Grid reference SU838630. Heading south, as you leave the built up area, the road bends to the left, and goes into a dip. The entrance to the car park is signed on your left.  
 Userbody: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust.

### PADWORTH COMMON

17<sup>th</sup> October 2004

Task: Grassland conservation. We will be raking and piling recently mown acid grassland and heathland areas. Padworth Common contains quite extensive areas of dominant purple moor grass which has caused other species of flora to struggle. The ranger will cut swaths through the grasses and heather to open up areas dominated by purple moor grass and create fresh shoots on areas of existing heather. It is important for the clippings to be raked from the surface to stop it rotting down and adding nutrients to the soil. The piles of grasses will make excellent habitat heaps for adders, slow worms (like the one we saw on our last task here) and insects.  
 Leader: Neil Frankum 0118 975 1528  
 Meet at: 10-15am at the car park (Grid reference SU619648). Head west along the A4 from Junction 12 of the M4 for approximately 3 miles. Just before you get to the roundabout at the junction of the

A4 and A340 turn left into a minor road signposted towards Padworth. Follow this road for approximately 2 miles. The car park is on the right just before you reach the T junction with the Burghfield Common to Tadley Road.

Userbody: West Berkshire District Council.

### **YATELEY COMMON, Yateley**

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

Task: Footpath work.

Leader: Mark Clay 07810 838916

Meet at: Meet at: 10:15 at the car park off of the A30 (Grid ref: [SU833592](#)). If you're coming from Reading, then you need to come down the A327. Turn left when you reach the A30. Go across the first roundabout, past Blackbushe Airport, straight across the next roundabout. Just after you reach the dual carriageway look for a track on the left. The car park is just down here on the left. We will be working a bit further into the site.

Userbody: Hampshire County Council.

### **CALIFORNIA COUNTRY PARK, Finchampstead**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2004**

**\*\*\*\*\* Remember the clocks go back 1 hour on Saturday night \*\*\*\*\***

Task: Footpath work - hogging fill between barge boards - and scrub bashing.

Leader: Anna Townsend

Meet at: 10-15am at the car park on Nine Mile Ride in Finchampstead (Grid reference SU787647).

Userbody: Wokingham District Council.

### **BEALE WILDLIFE PARK, Lower Basildon**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

Task: Coppicing.

Leader: Laurence Herniman 0118 954 9620

Meet at: 10-15am at the main car park. Take A329 west from Pangbourne. Leave the village passing under the railway bridge towards Lower Basildon. Look for signs to the park entrance, which is on your right about a mile and a half after leaving Pangbourne. Look out for the arrows from the car park if you can't see the van, as we could be working through the park, or by the river.

Userbody: Child Beale Trust

### **PADWORTH COMMON**

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

Task: Scrub clearance on heathlands is a constant ongoing task but vital to maintain the openness that heather's love. Today we'll be cutting back areas of silver birch, pine & gorse to create open areas for heathland species to grow & regenerate old stands of gorse. The ranger will follow up this valuable work with stump treatment on silver birch to reduce the amount of regrowth.

Leader: Richard Coles 0118 976 0580

Meet at: 10-15am at the car park (Grid reference SU619648). See 17<sup>th</sup> October for details.

Userbody: West Berkshire District Council.

### **BEALE WILDLIFE PARK, Lower Basildon**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2004**

Task: Coppicing.

Leader: Owen Lewis 0118 926 4007

Meet at: 10-15am at the main car park. See 7<sup>th</sup> November for details.

Userbody: Child Beale Trust

### **SNELSMORE COMMON, Newbury**

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

Task: TBA

Leader: Anna Townsend

Meet at: 10:15 at the site (Grid Ref SU463710). Snelsmore Common country park can be found north of Newbury and is located along the B4494 road from Donnington to Wantage. The entrance is sign posted from the road opposite the entrance to Mary Hare Grammar School.

Userbody: West Berkshire District Council.

### **BEALE WILDLIFE PARK, Lower Basildon**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

Task: Coppicing.

Leader: Richard Coles 0118 976 0580

Meet at: 10-15am at the main car park. See 7<sup>th</sup> November for details.

Userbody: Child Beale Trust

**ECCHINSWELL VILLAGE POND****12<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

**Task:** Controlling the reeds invading the village pond and some bramble clearance on the banks.  
**Leader:** Owen Lewis 0118 926 4007  
**Meet at:** 10-15am at the site (Grid reference SU503606). Head south from the roundabout on the A339 at Kingsclere. Where the road bends round to the left turn right (straight on) towards Ecchinswell. In Ecchinswell turn right, drive north past the church, & the pond is on the right in about ½ mile.  
**Userbody:** Ecchinswell Parish Council.

**HEATHLAKE, Crowthorne****19<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

**Task:** Rhododendron clearance.  
**Leader:** Mark Clay 07810 838916  
**Meet at:** 10:15 at the entrance to the site off Nine Mile Ride. Grid reference 828655. Head south from Wokingham on the A321 the Sandhurst Road. At a double roundabout turn left onto Nine Mile Ride (B3430) and the site is on the right after half a mile.  
**Userbody:** Wokingham District Council Countryside Service.

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**Diary Dates**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Committee Mtg 7-45pm. Venue Black Boy, Shinfield Rd. All welcome.  
**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.** Newsletter copy date. Any (printable!) contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Any items for inclusion in the next newsletter should be sent to the P.O. Box on or preferably before this date.  
**TBA** Please contact Richard Coles for dates of tools evenings.

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**MOBILE:** We now have a mobile phone for use on task – although primarily for use in emergencies, volunteers can also use it to contact us if they are having difficulties locating the worksite – the number is **0780 3360654**. **NB:** this phone will only be switched on during tasks.

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