

# Conservation in our borough

Autumn, Winter and Spring  
2009 to 2010



**Basingstoke  
in Bloom**



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Basingstoke and Deane is situated in the beautiful county of Hampshire. Sixty % of the borough is rural and is a mixture of villages, hamlets, woodland and countryside. The borough hosts one of Europe's most important sites for winter roosting bats. Great crested newts are a protected species and also known to inhabit the area.

To support our local environment and the wildlife that lives in our borough a number of voluntary conservation groups regularly conduct activities including tree planting, scrub bashing and coppicing to support our ecology. Getting involved in conservation activities is not only fun, but a great way to learn about nature and get fit.

No experience is necessary. Supervision, tools and equipment will be provided but you are asked to wear sturdy footwear and clothing with long sleeves and trousers. Families are welcome.



Please note that these details are available from the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Website at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/leisure/conservation](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/leisure/conservation)

## Black Dam Ponds and Crabtree Plantation

Day	Date	Month	Type of work /event	Location	Meeting point	Times	General advice
Saturday	24	October	Coppicing	Crabtree	Thornhill Way	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	21	November	Young treecare	Crabtree	Car park off A30	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	12	December	Coppicing	Crabtree	Car park off A30		
Saturday	16	January	Willow control	Black Dam Ponds	Car park by play area	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	20	February	Coppicing	Crabtree	Car park off A30	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	20	March	Coppicing	Crabtree	Car park off A30	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	17	April	Elder/Willow control	Black Dam Ponds	Car park by play area	10am – 1pm	

Contact Details: Liane Green (Landscape/Horticultural Officer) telephone 01256 845630 or email liane.green@basingstoke.gov.uk

## Chineham Conservation Group

Day	Date	Month	Type of work /event	Location	Meeting point	Times	General advice
Saturday	12	September	Pond clearance	Tollhouse Meadow	Thornhill Way	10am – 1pm	
Sunday	11	October	Invasive species removal or bird box maintenance	Great Sorrell's Copse	Mulberry Way	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	7	November	Bulb planting	TBA			
Sunday	6	December	Tree planting	Tollhouse Meadow	Thornhill Way	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	16	January	Coppicing or bird box maintenance	Long Copse Great Sorrell's Copse	Mattock Way Mulberry Way	10am – 1pm	Phone to confirm work and location
Sunday	14	February	Coppicing	Tollhouse Copse	Thornhill Way	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	13	March	Path laying	Great Sorrell's Copse	Mulberry Way	10am – 1pm	
		April	Launching the Chineham Nature Trail. Details to be confirmed.	Phone for further details			
Saturday	8	May	Himalayan Balsam removal	Long Copse	Mattock Way	10am – 1pm	

Contact Details: Ann Henty (Chairperson) telephone 07963 876440 or email anniepee1010@aol.com

## Friends of Loddon Vale Parks (Glebe Gardens, Victory Park and King George Vth Playing Fields)

Day	Date	Month	Type of work/event	Location	Meeting point	Times	General advice
Saturday	5	September	Field Society lead a survey of wildlife		Brookvale Hall	2 pm	All Welcome
Saturday	12	September	BCA Green Fair & litter Pick		Beside Brookvale Hall Victory Park		
Saturday	07	November	Hedge planting		Timberlake Road side of Glebe Garden		
Date TBC		December	Complete hedgerow planting project		Timberlake Road side of Glebe Gardens		
Date TBC		January	RSPB bird watch event		King George Vth Playing Fields		
Date TBC		February	Bird/bug box build and installation		Glebe Gardens		

Contact Details: Christine Aymes email [christineaymes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christineaymes@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 07780600758

## Kempshott Conservation Group

Day	Date	Month	Type of work/event	Location	Meeting point	Times	General advice
Sunday	11	October	Autumn Survey	Down Grange Meadow	Gate into meadow by St Marks Church	10am – 1pm	
Thursday	22	October	Autumn Survey	The Old Orchard	Park end of Kendal Gardens	2pm – 4pm	Car parking in Derwent Road
Sunday	1	November	Shrub and bulb planting	Old Hedgerow	Southern end of the footpath between Coniston Road and the Sports Ground	10am – 1pm	
Thursday	12	November	Woodland bulb planting	Down Grange Meadow	Gate into meadow by St Marks Church	2pm – 4pm	
Sunday	22	November	Woodland bulb planting	The Old Orchard	Park end of Kendal Gardens	10am – 1pm	Car parking in Derwent Road
Thursday	3	December	Woodland bulb planting	The Old Hedgerow	Southern end of the footpath between Coniston Road and the Sports Ground	2pm – 4 pm	

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Day	Date	Month	Type of work/event	Location	Meeting point	Times	General advice
Sunday	13	December	TBA	Down Grange Meadow	Gate into meadow by St Marks Church	10am – 1pm	
Thursday	7	January	TBA	The Old Orchard	Park end of Kendal Gardens	2pm – 4pm	Car parking in Derwent Road
Sunday	17	January	TBA	The Old Hedgerow	Southern end of the footpath between Coniston Road and the Sports Ground	10am – 1pm	
Thursday	28	January	TBA	Down Grange Meadow	Gate into meadow by St Marks Church	2pm – 4pm	
Sunday	7	February	TBA	The Old Orchard	Park end of Kendal Gardens	10am – 1pm	Car parking in Derwent Road
Thursday	18	February	TBA	The Old Hedgerow	Southern end of the footpath between Coniston Road and the Sports Ground	2pm – 4pm	
Sunday	28	February	TBA	Down Grange Meadow	Gate into meadow by St Marks Church	10am – 1pm	
Thursday	11	March	TBA	The Old Orchard	Park end of Kendal Gardens	2pm – 4pm	Car parking in Derwent Road
Sunday	21	March	TBA	The Old Hedgerow	Southern end of the footpath between Coniston Road and the Sports Ground	10am – 1pm	
Thursday	8	April	TBA	Down Grange Meadow	Gate into meadow by St Marks Church	2pm – 4pm	
Sunday	18	April	TBA	The Old Orchard	Park end of Kendal Gardens	10am – 1pm	Car parking in Derwent Road
Thursday	29	April	TBA	The Old Hedgerow	Southern end of the footpath between Coniston Road and the Sports Ground	2pm – 4pm	

Contact Details: Email [kempshott-conserve@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kempshott-conserve@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone Marion Wolstencroft on 01256 470171



## Oakley Woodlands Group

Day	Date	Month	Type of work/event	Location	Meeting point	Times	General advice
Wednesday	7	October	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	10	October	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	21	October	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	24	October	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	4	November	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	7	November	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	18	November	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	21	November	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	2	December	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	5	December	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	16	December	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	19	December	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	6	January	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	9	January	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	20	January	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	23	January	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	3	February	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	6	February	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	17	February	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	20	February	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	3	March	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	6	March	Woodland Management	St John's	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Wednesday	17	March	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	20	March	Woodland Management	Cowdown	Main entrance	10am – 1pm	

Contact details: Call Brian Slater on 01256 780810 or Barry Bennett on 01256 782494

## Overton Biodiversity Society

Day	Date	Month	Type of work /event	Location	Meeting point	Times	General advice
Friday	18	September	Bat & Moth Walk with Paul Hope of Hampshire Bat Group	Overton	Overton Community Centre	7.30pm	National Moth Night – brief talk followed by walk around the village – end with hot drinks
Sunday	18	October	Fungus Foray with Mike Waterman	Overton	Overton Community Centre	2pm	Tea and cakes in Community Centre afterwards
Thursday	28	January	“My Secret Garden” talk by Peter Hutchins	Overton	Overton Community Centre	7.30pm	
Thursday	18	March	AGM followed by wildlife talk	Overton	Overton Community Centre	7.30pm	Homemade refreshments

Contact Details: Ken or Jane MacKenzie on 01256 771121 or email [jakmackenzie@yahoo.com](mailto:jakmackenzie@yahoo.com) or go to the website [www.overton-biodiversity.org](http://www.overton-biodiversity.org)

## Mill Field

Day	Date	Month	Type of work /event	Location	Meeting point	Times	General advice
Sunday	18	October	Scrub bashing	The Mill Field, Old Basing	Entrance gate by the Mill Stone Pub	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	14	November	Scrub bashing	The Mill Field, Old Basing	Entrance gate by the Mill Stone Pub	10am – 1pm	
Sunday	6	December	Hedge laying	The Mill Field, Old Basing	Entrance gate by the Mill Stone Pub	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	16	January	Scrub bashing	The Mill Field, Old Basing	Entrance gate by the Mill Stone Pub	10am – 1pm	
Sunday	21	February	Hedge laying	The Mill Field, Old Basing	Entrance gate by the Mill Stone Pub	10am – 1pm	
Saturday	20	March	Scrub bashing	The Mill Field, Old Basing	Entrance gate by the Mill Stone Pub	10am – 1pm	

Contact Details: Anne Francis by telephone on 07974 944439 or via email to [anne.francis@telindus.co.uk](mailto:anne.francis@telindus.co.uk)

### **Popley Conservation Volunteers**

The Popley Conservation Volunteers monitor the Great Crested Newt population in Popley and carry out maintenance work of their habitat. Work party dates were not available at the time of printing but please contact **Karen Evans-Prosser** on **01256 845649** or email her at **karen.evans-prosser@basingstoke.gov.uk** for further information.

### **South View Conservation Group**

South View Cemetery is situated next to Basingstoke Railway Station and dates from the 11th Century. Event dates were not available at the time of printing; however you may contact **Sarah Faithfull** on **01256 810915** or email her at **SVCG@hotmail.co.uk** for further information.

### **Winklebury Ring Conservation Group**

The 19 acre site of an Iron Age Hill Fort, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, is being maintained and protected by local residents who also wish to encourage interest in wildlife and educational work. For further information please contact **Karen Evans-Prosser** on **01256 845649** or email her at **karen.evans-prosser@basingstoke.gov.uk**

### **Cliddesden Community Conservation Group**

The group arrange a variety of events throughout the year. Their main event in 2009 is a hedge planting weekend on 26 and 27 September 11am to 4pm. If you would like further information about this or other events please contact **Alison Mosson** on **01256 352900**. Families are welcome.

### **Old Down and Beggarwood Conservation Group**

Once agricultural land, this site of recently planted woodland and open grassland with wonderful views is managed to benefit local people and wildlife. Our aims include improving plant and wildlife diversity and raising awareness and understanding of wildlife and how to enjoy it.

For further information please contact **Paul Beevers** by telephone on **01256 475944** or via email to: **paul\_beevers@tiecali.co.uk**

### **Friends of Eastrop and War Memorial Parks Group**

Are you interested in joining this group? There will be opportunities to get involved in conservation work, public consultations, and preparations for the Green Flag awards. Anyone interested should contact

Karen Evans-Prosser on **01256 845649** or email

**Karen.evans-prosser@basingstoke.gov.uk**.



### **Wildlife Watch** (Junior branch of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Group)

The Basingstoke Group meets once every month at a variety of locations to undertake a range of activities. So if you want to come along and join us or if you would like more information, please call **Clare** on **01256 782665**, **Lynette** on **01256 389371** or **Peter** and **Alison Hutchinson** **01256 770831**.