

# C.R.O.W.

*Conserve Reading on Wednesdays*

## NEWSLETTER

CROW is Reading's own midweek conservation group. We have been established for quite a few months, and go out on tasks every other Wednesday. The work we do includes fencing, coppicing, pond-work, Rhododendron clearance, plant-bedding, and so on. We welcome new volunteers of any age between 16 - 70. No skills are needed, and you can work at your own pace. If you've got time on your hands on any of the dates below, come out with us for a morning, an afternoon, or if you're feeling energetic, the whole day! You can either contact us before, or simply turn up at Reading Station on the day at 10am, or 1.30pm. Look for a white (sort of) Transit with a Berkshire Conservation Volunteers Sticker on it. We provide transport, tools, refreshments and bring you back at either 1.15pm or 5.15pm. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch if you plan on staying the whole day, and bring some old clothes or shorts (for a suntan (?)). \*

### TASKS

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| 6 August     | Dinton Pastures, Winnersh. Lakeside bank improvement at Lavells Lake  |
| 20 August    | Devil's Dip, Bath Road, Reading. The Reading Urban Wildlife Group's new wildlife conservation area, needing much site improvement.                                      |
| 3 September  | California Country Park, Nine Mile Ride. A return visit likely to involve footpath work.  |
| 17 September | Lodge Wood, Hurst. Constructing a stile.<br>Grid Reference: 792 734, Hurst-Winnersh road (P3020).   |
| 1 October    | Northgrove Wood, Checkendon. Belongs to the Woodland Trust, clearing brambles from recently planted trees.<br>Grid Reference: 637 830, A4074, Wellingford-Reading road. |





Tasks, continued.

15 October Ufton Court, Ufton Nervet. Belongs to the BCC Education Dept. A return visit; type of work to be confirmed.

29 October Curtis Wood, Tilehurst. An area of old woodland, the work will involve clearing sycamore assisting the work of the Friends of Curtis Wood.

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An Evening on the Training and Maintenance of Tools will be held at 27 Wolsey Road, Caversham on 13 August at 7.30pm. All volunteers are welcome and it costs absolutely nothing !!

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There are several Conservation Training Courses in Berkshire over the next few months; these include Ionds and Wetlands (August 30-31), Basic Tree Felling (September 20), Introduction to Conservation (October 11-12), Hedge laying Course (November 8-9), Tree planting (December 6) ... For further information ask for a leaflet on a task or contact Mick Deness on Reading 473160.

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We have been helping the Reading Urban Wildlife Group with their habitat survey work in and around Reading. These may be on the alternate Wednesdays to the tasks. Transport will be arranged if there is sufficient interest. Contact Andy Moody on the phone number below.

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And Finally...!

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SEE YOU ON THE TASKS!!

