



# Bracknell Forest Natural History Society

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## The Nightingale Triangle Woodland Restoration Project

The **Bracknell Forest Natural History Society** has been working with the Council's landscape contractor, **Continental Landscapes** and **local volunteers** on Phase 1 of improving the woodland between Nightingale Crescent and Firlands - which is adjacent to the Bagshot Road, opposite the Leisure Centre.

The purpose of the project is to **restore the native woodland, enhance biodiversity and create a safer and more pleasant environment for everybody.**



Our volunteer working parties, which commenced in January 2018, have been very well attended, with up to 30 people turning up to help on each occasion. A great deal of hard work has been put in, and many tasks on our Work Plan have already been achieved:

- Improved access by creating a woodland footpath with wood chips
- Reduction of brambles, holly, saplings and scrub to create woodland glades
- Removal of fly-tipped rubbish, litter and dumped garden waste (including removal of alien species introduced from the latter)
- Reduction of Rhododendron Ponticum (an invasive shrub that reduces biodiversity and prevents regeneration of native plants)
- Creation of log piles as habitat for beetles and other insects

At the last session of Phase 1, before the bird nesting season commenced - a major task was the planting of native woodland trees and shrubs, provided by **The Woodland Trust**. We plan to resume work on Phase 2 in **September 2018**, when we will continue to clear the Rhododendron Ponticum and brambles, and plant bulbs and spring flowers.

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This recent picture gives a brilliant indication of just how much we have already been able to improve the 'look and feel' at **Nightingale Triangle**. During the interim months (May to August) our 'Friends of Nightingale Triangle' team will be surveying the species present in the woodland, monitoring fly tipping and dumped garden waste, conducting litter picks and undertaking light maintenance tasks. Upon completion of Phase 2, we plan to erect a hand-carved commemorative plinth within the Triangle, and to hold a celebratory 'thank you' occasion - to which residents, our volunteers and sponsors will be invited.



**We are immensely grateful to our hard-working volunteers - particularly local residents, who have given us their wholehearted support and help over the Phase 1 period.**



**THERE'S STILL LOTS TO DO!**  
If you feel you could help by coming along as a 'Friend of Nightingale Triangle' and have not already registered as a volunteer, please email Ray Hodges at [bfnhspublicity@outlook.com](mailto:bfnhspublicity@outlook.com)

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