

BARN HILL CONSERVATION GROUP

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WORKING FOR FRYENT COUNTRY PARK

AUTUMN 2017

Meeting places:

- Fryent Way Car Park in the centre of the Park, west of the A4140. TQ 1959 8770.
- Bush Farm: near the Salmon Street / Slough Lane NW9 junction. Buses 83, 302.
- Broadview: meet there, opposite the junction of Valley Drive with Fryent Way.
- Roe Green Walled Garden, Roe Green Park: from opposite the junction of Kingsbury Road with Valley Drive, follow the park road into Roe Green Park, go left at the fork and continue to the Walled Garden. Buses 183 and 204 to the junction; Kingsbury tube station is nearby.

Meeting places are also indicated on a map on the BHCG website: www.bhcg.btck.co.uk

- and follow the link 'Contact Us' to locate the Meeting Points Map.

For projects at Fryent Country Park, if you arrive after 10am and need to locate us, walk in concentric paths from near the meeting point and look for one of us or for a yellow banner.

On Stadium Event Days, please be aware of parking restrictions.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Natural Magic activities for children. During this autumn activities are at other sites. Contact simonbraidman@hotmail.co.uk Events are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Brent Schools Without Walls see www.brentschoolwithoutwalls.btck.co.uk

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays Thursdays Saturdays	1000-1430	ROE GREEN WALLED GARDEN. Gardening and wildlife work in this thriving garden.
Sundays	1000-1230	Conservation projects at Fryent Country Park: see below.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 16 September	ROE GREEN WALLED GARDEN OPEN DAY. Roe Green Walled Garden, 11am to 4pm.
EXHIBITION	Masons Field Restoration. View at Roe Green Walled Garden.
AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES	We record amphibians and reptiles seen on each project. There is a Frogspawn Survey in February/March.
Saturday 30 September	The Kensal to Kilburn Fruit Harvesters are organising a fruit harvesting event of apple varieties, based particularly at the Mounds Orchard and at nearby hedgerows. The event is open to BHCG volunteers. Meet at Fryent Way Car Park.
BUTTERFLY MONITORING	April - September: Weekly: Walking the two transects is good exercise and the results contribute to local, London and national knowledge to help the conservation of butterflies. Please enquire.

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Practical projects offering a choice of conservation work for all talents. Tea and coffee are provided. Projects run from 10am to 12.30pm. Learn about wildlife and techniques for restoring and creating new habitats. We also aim to improve views of the landscape.

Sunday 3 September	ST. ROBERT SOUTHWELL POND AND MOAT. Clearing scrub overhanging the moat and island, creating habitat piles, and improving the northern pond. Picking examples of different varieties of fruit from the Bush Farm Orchard. Meet at Bush Farm.
Sunday 10 September	UPPER HYDES POND. Clearing scrub from around the pond. Meet at Fryent Way Car Park.
Sunday 17 September	ACID GRASSLAND AND GLADE ON WEST SIDE OF BARN HILL. Clearing scrub to open a new glade to connect with an area already restored and to improve views. Mower project. Meet near to the junction of Beverley Gardens (near the junction with Uxendon Hill).
Sunday 24 September	LITTLE COWLAYS, THE MAZE AND BEANE HILL. Reduce Sycamore and Norway Maple (and top the Sycamore in Short Down East). Cut overhangs from woodland paths and in the maze. Meet at the Park entrance between numbers 199 and 219 Salmon Street, NW9.
Sunday 1 October	ACID GRASSLAND RESTORATION. Reducing scrub to open an area of acid grassland at Coneyvale. Meet at Fryent Way Car Park. This is a joint project with SEWA volunteers.
Sunday 8 October	HEDGEROWS SCALLOPING ALONG THE FEEDER DITCHES AND PONDS OF THE GADERBROOK from Goldringe Strip to Warrens Pond. Meet at the layby opposite Fryent Way Car Park.
Sunday 15 October	EASTLANDE. Woodland paths and hedgerows. Meet at the entrance to Fryent Country Park between numbers 79-81 Uxendon Hill.
Sunday 22 October	THE PIGHTLE ORCHARD. Restoration by using cut scrub / wood and hedgelaying of Elms to recreate two of the perimeter hedges, and to reveal fruit trees and a row of Blackberries. Meet at the Park entrance between numbers 199 and 219 Salmon Street, NW9.
Sunday 29 October	ACID GRASSLAND AND REPTON LANDSCAPING. Restoring acid grassland to the edges of the Repton landscaping to the west, and north-east of the Fishpond. Remove Sycamore seedlings. Mower project. Meet at the sharp bend on Barn Hill near to 81 Barn Hill.
Sunday 5 November	MASONS FIELD ORCHARD. Completing the opening-up of the interior. Cut overhangs at Bramble Lane, Green Lane and at Hedge 28. Mower project. Meet at the Larkspur Close, NW9 entrance to Masons Field.
Sunday 12 November	HONEY SLOUGH WEST, LYON FIELD, LOWER HYDES AND HELL LANE. Scalloping of hedgerows and clearing overhangs on the route of Hell Lane. Mower project if dry. Meet at Broadview.
Sunday 19 November	LITTLE HILLCROACH POND. Improve the pond by making a clearing in the reed-bed, cut encroaching Sloe; and along the Great Hillcroach / Warrens hedge. Meet in the lay-by opposite Fryent Way Car Park.
Sunday 26 November	ACID GRASSLAND CONSERVATION. Scrub clearance around an area of Bracken, at the 'ant-hill' glade and Lombardy Poplar avenue. Mower project if dry. Meet at the sharp bend on Barn Hill near to 81 Barn Hill.
Sunday 3 December	BUSH FARM ORCHARD. Hedge-laying; clearing of bramble from the interior and from around the Mulberry, thinning of Bullace and pruning of Cobnuts and fruit trees. Meet at Bush Farm Orchard.
Sunday 10 December	PAGES FIELD HEDGEROWS. Scalloping at Pages and nearby fields. Meet at the park entrance between nos. 111-113 Valley Drive.
Sunday 17 December	SALTCROFT GLADE. Grassland conservation and scrub management on this woodland glade with a diverse flora. The glade is about 100 metres south-west of the car park. Meet at Fryent Way Car Park.
	Projects re-commence on Sunday 8 January.