

How can I help?

Every household can take simple steps to lessen their impact on the environment.

Any action, however small, will make a difference.

- Recycling – if you don't currently recycle, start (even a few bottles or cans a week will help to reduce the amount buried in landfill sites); if you already recycle, recycle more!
- Compost – start a compost heap for your vegetable peelings, tea bags, spent compost from pots etc and gain an excellent source of soil improver for free. The council provides subsidised composters.
- Energy efficiency – reduce energy consumption by using low-energy light bulbs, by turning off the TV rather than leaving it on standby, by heating only the amount of water you really need in the kettle and by turning down your heating thermostat by 2 degrees. You'll save money too! Invest in cavity insulation, double glazing and more loft insulation. There are schemes for those eligible to help with the cost.
- Litter – don't drop it, it looks a mess, it can injure animals and people, and it is expensive to clear away (the money could be spent on more worthwhile causes).
- Grow your own veg – set aside an area of your garden (or even a few containers) to grow your own veg. Fresh as can be, no food miles and tastes good too. It really is easy to grow a few spuds or summer salads.
- Drive less – do you really need to take the car? Try and cut out one journey a week and take a walk instead.

Thanks to ...

Our members – without whom we would do nothing.



Bracknell Forest Borough Council – without whom we would not exist, and for its continued support.



Warfield Parish Council –for its continued support.

Useful contacts

*Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxon
Wildlife Trust (BBOWT)*
www.bbowl.org.uk / 01865 775476

Bracknell Forest Borough Council
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk / 01344 352000

Central Berkshire Waste Project
www.re3.org.uk / 0800 988 3023

Flora Locale
www.floralocale.org / 01672 515723

The Woodland Trust
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk / 01476 581135

Warfield Parish Council
www.warfieldparishcouncil.org.uk / 01344 457777

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Warfield Environment Group



Caring for the
local environment

Who are we?

We are residents of Warfield who care about the environment we live in, and want to help improve it. We try to encourage other residents, and local businesses and community groups, to do the same.

We have fun, especially the children!

And get fresh air and exercise!

The Group was formed in 2002 as part of a Local Agenda 21 initiative by Bracknell Forest Borough Council. Membership is free to all. In 2006 we were proud to receive the Dorothy Morley award for our conservation efforts.

In 2011 we received the Parish Award for our services to Warfield.

What do we do?

We offer a varied programme of events throughout the year, to which all members of the community, including children, are welcome.



Typical events include:

- **Conservation days** in local woodlands, particularly Hayley Green Wood in Westmorland Park which we have adopted.



Snowdrop planting

Here we are clearing rhododendron to make space for the planting of native species of trees and wild flowers (many home-grown).

We have a programme of putting up bird, bat and small mammal boxes, to encourage local wildlife.

- **Planting of wild flowers** and bulbs in other areas, to make our environment more attractive.



Daffodils planted at Westmorland Park

- **Litter picks** – litter is a particular problem in Warfield and, indeed, across much of the country. We meet quarterly to clear an area of rubbish, recycling as much as we can. The rubbish collected contributes towards the countrywide Big Tidy Up targets.



Litter picking

- **Walks** – occasional ranger-led walks around the highways and byways of Warfield, exploring local landscapes, and discovering local wildlife such as the bats on our very popular bat walk in Westmorland Park.
- **Talks** – occasional talks on topics of local interest. Previously we have held talks on local wildlife, woodland management, the Central Berkshire Waste Project, and renewable energy.

- **Special projects** – we have recorded over 20 veteran and ancient trees around Warfield in support of the Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Hunt. We are also involved with the RHS Britain in Bloom 'Its Your Neighbourhood' scheme to make our area safer, greener, cleaner.



Tree surveying for Ancient Tree Hunt

- **Member involvement** in local environmental issues such as waste management and recycling.



- **Newt surveys** – surveying newt population at the Thomas Lawrence Brickworks nature reserve and generally keeping the habitat fit for newts.



Newt surveying

For our current timetable of events either visit our website, join us on Facebook, look for details in the local press, or on our locally-distributed fliers and posters or on our notice board outside Tesco in Warfield.