

newsletter

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What is going on in Haringey in January!

This newsletter is a publication from BTCV, the largest environmental volunteering charity in the country.

For more information check out our [website](#) or you can **contact us** at Railway Fields Local Nature Reserve on 020 8348 6005 or email Michael m.bury@btcv.org.uk or Luke l.berman@btcv.org.uk

- New volunteers welcome. We provide the leadership, tools, first aid, tea, coffee and biscuits.
- Wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. Please bring a packed lunch on the day projects.

Practical Conservation Days

Kick-start 2012 with BTCV. Learn new skills, improve your health & well-being and meet new people this year.

Thursday 5 January, 10am-3pm

Community Gardening at Queen's Wood

Restoring the footpaths with woodchip, clearing an area for new beds and cutting back vegetation in the ancient woodland's organic garden.

[MAP/meet:](#) Queen's Wood Lodge, Muswell Hill Rd, Highgate N10. [Contact:](#) Luke

Tues 10 January & Thurs 12 January, 10am-3pm

Hedge Planting at Finsbury Park

Working in partnership with the Tree Council to create a monster hedge along the southern railings of Haringey's largest park.

[MAP/meet:](#) Manor House tube gate entrance of Finsbury Park, N4. [Contact:](#) Michael/Luke

Tuesday 17 January, 10am-3pm

Woodland Management at Coldfall Wood

Cutting back vegetation around the reed beds as part of a larger project to enhance and improve the quality of stream water in one of Haringey's stunning ancient woodlands.

[MAP/meet:](#) Western gate of woodland, Creighton Avenue, Muswell Hill N10. [Contact:](#) Luke

Thursday 19 January, 10am-3pm

Better Bedding at Markfield Park

Improving the healing beds for future planting, alongside a range of other conservation tasks in the community nature garden.

[MAP/meet:](#) Outside Markfield Park cafe, Seven Sisters N15. [Contact:](#) Michael

Tuesday 24 January, 10am-3pm

Holly Bashing at Queen's Wood

Removing large holly that is encroaching on larger oaks and some coppicing of tree saplings in this magnificent ancient woodland.

[MAP/meet:](#) Junction of Queen's Wood Road & Wood Vale, Highgate N10. [Contact:](#) Michael

Thursday 26 January, 10am-3pm

Woodland Management at Coldfall Wood

Cutting back large holly bush and ivy to increase light and benefits of ancient woodland for wildlife.

[MAP/meet:](#) Western gate of woodland, Creighton Avenue, Muswell Hill N10. [Contact:](#) Luke

Tuesday 31 January, 10am-3pm

Bramble Bashing along the Parkland Walk

Cutting back vegetation including bramble along the main footpath on this historic former railway, that still links up Finsbury Park to Alexandra Palace.

[MAP/meet:](#) Holmesdale Road entrance of Parkland Walk, Highgate N6. [Contact:](#) Michael

Step By Step with BTCV

Local volunteers restored steps to provide safe access at The Paddock nature park, Tottenham in December.

The original steps were rotten and covered in vegetation providing a tricky route for picnic goers. Bashing back plants, the volunteers replaced the rotten wood with reclaimed material, each step was then stabilised with rocks and wooden posts.

Some volunteers had never been involved with this sort of project, so it was especially rewarding for them.

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BTCV Training in 2012

BTCV has a large range of short course training for local individuals and community groups, some of which are below:

19 Jan	Managing Community Groups	King's Cross
4 Feb	Leadership Skills for Community Groups	King's Cross
16 Feb	Introduction to Tree Felling	Hampstead Cemetery
24 Feb	Wildlife Garden Design	Railway Fields
3 Mar	Risk Assessment for Community Groups	King's Cross
18 Apr	Leadership Skills for Community Groups	Railway Fields

Costs: Standard rate £90. Reduced rate £60.
Contact: BTCV on 020 7278 4294 or email h.odonovan@btcv.org.uk for the full programme.

Living Under One Sun also have new free training opportunities for anyone wanting to become Haringey Community Leaders in Leadership, Organic Food Growing and Bee Keeping.
Contact: Leyla on 020 8489 2458 for more details.

Hire Railway Fields & our tools!

Railway Fields nature reserve is now available for hire for events, training, conferences and meetings – fully equipped venue at a unique location and competitive price.

Hire our tools for your community conservation activities, £50 returnable deposit.
Contact us for more details.

Volunteer of the Month

David Cabezas has been a Voluntary Officer with BTCV Haringey for two months.



Why did you start volunteering with BTCV Haringey?

When I moved from Spain, I wanted to continue being involved in conservation. I found BTCV online and their projects were perfect.

Why do you enjoy conservation?

It is a way to keep our green spaces, BTCV helps improve them for the benefit of wildlife and people.

What has been your favourite activity?

Variety is important. I recently enjoyed restoring wooden steps at The Paddock nature park.

Haringey Green Gym

Weekly:

The BTCV Green Gym® inspires you to improve both your health and the environment at the same time. Meet new people and get in touch with nature.

To find out more please visit:

<http://www2.btcv.org.uk/display/greengym>

Thursdays & most Saturdays 12.30pm-3.30pm

Meet: Entrance between 61 & 63 Creighton Rd, N17.

Contact: Ruth Green 07932 119410 or email

rutharoot@blueyonder.co.uk

Fridays 10:30am-12:30pm

Meet: Broadwater Farm Community Centre, Adams Road, N17 6HE.

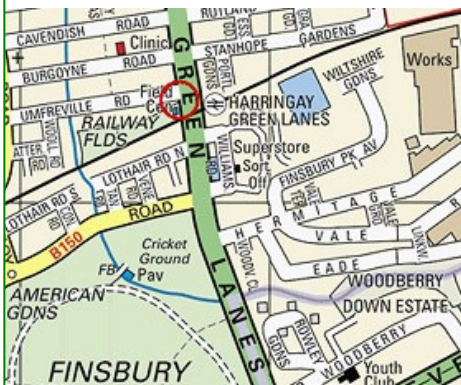
Contact: Martin 020 8808 1829 or email

mab.prospect@tiscali.co.uk

Come and find us at Railway Fields Local Nature Reserve.

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Entrance on Green Lanes, N4.



Railway Fields was opened to the public in 1985 and declared a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in 1990. Today, Railway Fields is run by BTCV, as an educational resource for the borough's primary schools, and for the general public to enjoy.

Railway Fields has been awarded Green Flag status every year since 2004.

The Friends of Railway Fields are always looking for new people to join up and help them out with protecting and using this lovely Local Nature Reserve. Get in touch at:

friendsofrailwayfields@gmail.com

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