



Keeping The Bourne Attractive for People and Wildlife

The
Bourne
Conservation
Group

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The Bourne Conservation Group always welcomes new members. We are a friendly group of volunteers of all ages and with a wide variety of skills, who share a concern for the environment and a desire to contribute to keeping our area attractive.

Our aims

Founded in 2003, the Group remains true to its original purpose of assisting in the maintenance and improvement of local open spaces and rights-of-way for the benefit of both residents and wildlife. With pressures on our community from greatly increased building development and traffic, this aim is more important than ever.

Working with other conservation organisations such as the RSPB and the Surrey Wildlife Trust, the Group is steadily furthering the cause of biodiversity in the area.

What we do

The Group is well supported by the local authorities and works with them on such tasks as keeping our complex of footpaths well signed and clear of vegetation. We have planted native trees and shrubs in Burnt Hill Wood, Paradise Wood and along Sturt Walk. We have also helped clear invasive plants such as Himalayan balsam from the Bourne Stream.

We are best known for the projects we undertake. The most prominent has been renovation of the waste ground at Lower Bourne crossroads, involving extensive clearance and planting, plus some hard landscaping. Other projects have involved clearing and planting the bank outside Ridgeway School, and improving the Community Garden in Middle Bourne Lane. These are continuing, and further projects are planned, subject to the availability of volunteers and the support of the authorities.

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How you can get involved

Our main work sessions are on Sundays from 10.00am to 1.00pm, at least once a month throughout the year, other than the summer period. There are also plenty of occasions on which volunteers are needed for smaller tasks mid-week.

We place great emphasis on the health and safety of our volunteers. Our policies and procedures are to be found on our website www.bourneconservation.org.uk which also contains much more information about the Group and its activities.

Why not join us for a few hours each month in the fresh air, improving the local environment and making new friends?

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Even if you are not able to join our work sessions regularly, we would welcome your support and suggestions for activities to improve the area.

