

## BTCV

The Vale of White Horse Conservation Volunteer Group is affiliated to BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) and exists to involve people of South and West Oxfordshire in practical nature conservation work of community value, for example tree planting, woodland management, footpath construction and maintenance, fence construction and scrub clearance.

There is no membership; the group operates merely as an informal gathering of like-minded individuals with mutual objectives and interests (consumption of chocolate biscuits included!). Contributions can be as strenuous and as frequent as desired, with the emphasis on enjoyment and learning rather than hard work. There is always guidance on hand and a tea break pending!

**What to wear:** Stout boots or wellingtons and old clothes.

**What to bring:** Waterproofs and a packed lunch.

**What is provided:** Work gloves, tools (and advice on how to use them) and tea or coffee and biscuits.

We are active most Sundays throughout the year, commencing at 10-am - but there is no obligation to be there for the entire day.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact David Newnham on 01235 559068.

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## Poppy Appeal.

My sincere thanks to all who helped to raise the grand total of £1,184.75 in the Poppy Appeal 1997, in Milton, Upper Milton and Lyneham, an increase of £29 on the previous year. 1997 saw six lady collectors, Mesdames J.Dore, B.Collier, P.Hawtin, P.Edwards, G.Groves, S.Saxby, awarded with Gold Poppy Broaches, and one gentleman, Mr. J.East, who has now left the village, with a Tie Tac, for 15 years of door-to-door collections. Mrs. P.Hebden and Mrs. S.Cambray, received certificates for 10 years, and the Quart Pot a Special Award for 15 years. Many thanks to all the other door-to-door collectors and those who have static boxes in their place of business.

Special thanks to Mrs. V.Case and Lyneham Golf Club who between them raised £143.71; £54.53 in the village and £89.18 at the Golf Course. Thanks to Mrs. I.Morgan for the use of her car.

I am very proud of you all.

E.D. Austin, P.A.O. for R.B.L.W.S. Wychwoods.