

## **Heritage Progress Report.**

**March 2016.**

### **1. Volunteer Group**

#### **Coleorton Wood.**

The group is making good progress with hedge-laying and will complete the current stretch by the end of March. We will also clear and coppice the area of shrubs required in both the management plan and the WIG.

#### **New Lount Reserve.**

Most of the time has been spent woodland clearing and burning off the brash. The group has also installed a large wooden bench in commemoration of Terry Green who died last year and had been a large influence on the formation of a nature reserve at the New Lount site.

The large round picnic table for LCC Country Parks is now complete and will be installed at Market Bosworth Park. We have also completed the manufacture of a commemorative bench which has been installed at New Lount. This group has now started to manufacture wooden mushrooms and flower planters which we will sell at the future plant sales.

### **2. Ashby Museum.**

We have now set up a larger exhibition at the museum on the topic of "Lount Then and New" which incorporates the display on "Coleorton Pottery". This exhibition will run for the months of March and April and is creating a great deal of local interest. I am nearing the completion of cataloguing John Crocker's work. I have taken the historic parish records to the museum and these will be catalogued in due course.

3. **Lount Pottery Boards.**- I have circulated the proposed final proof of the interpretation board, but have only received one response. I will therefore bring a copy of this to the Parish Council Meeting to establish if the council are satisfied to proceed with this design.

### **4. Bird Feeders at both Sites.**

I have purchased three new bird feeders for the wood and we are hoping to install these by the end of March. We have looked at a number of ideas to make these feeders more secure and believe that we should just utilise a stronger gauge of wire.

### **5. Notes relating to other Agenda Items:-**

Item 8. Coleorton Wood.

Coleorton Wood Advisory Committee – I have not heard anything about meetings being arranged.

Item 8. Report on activities. We are currently on schedule with all of the planned work from the management plan and this has been discussed with Angus Hancock. We are progressing well with laying one of the hedges and are sourcing the required materials from the wood; Angus is aware of the amount of hedge management we will have completed before the end of March. We will have completed both areas of shrub coppicing and thinning before the end of March 2016.

Item 11. Lount Boards. I require a clear decision from the Parish Council on the suitability of the "final proof" previously circulated.

6. **Newbold Heritage Group.**

I have applied to Biffa Awards on behalf of Newbold Heritage Group for funding to install an Industrial Heritage Trail at New Lount Nature Reserve, based on the previous New Lount Colliery. The project consists of 7 interpretation boards around the site outlining the history and heritage of the New Lount Colliery. I am still waiting to find out if we have been successful.

7. **Local History Books.**

Trevor Stewart has recently completed two small books, one on "The Coleorton Sherwins 1739-1887" and "A record of some of the fatalities that occurred in the Coal Mines of Coleorton and the Locality 1782-1957" .

8. **School Log Book.**

Scrivener's of Buxton have delivered the school log book and they have been paid for the work. I have not yet returned the book to the school as I wondered if the Parish Council would like to make some form of presentation to the school.

**John Macdonald (March 2016)**