

Heritage Progress Report.

August 2016.

1. Volunteer Group

Coleorton Wood.

The Group had to trim the majority of the paths as they had not been mown by the contractor. The contractor has since mown the paths and the car park has also been sprayed. The group has repaired the broken fences in the car park and has also repaired the two picnic tables in the car park. The hedge at the bottom of Pitt Lane has been trimmed and this area strimmed. The group has also trimmed back all the hedges around the car park. The group has manufactured and installed a new outlet sump to the pond. The idea of this new sump is to raise the level in the pond.

New Lount Reserve.

Progress has been slow at New Lount as the work sessions have been utilised to start the manufacture of the sand martin bank, which is now progressing well. The only other task carried out at New Lount has been the removal of Ragwort.

Following LCC's successful application for funding, work has now started on production of a Sand Martin Bank at New Lount. This work has progressed well with all the necessary materials purchased and being processed. The workshop group has also progressed with the manufacture of wooden mushrooms, which were ordered at the plant sales

2. **Lount Pottery Boards.**- I have not had any comments from the residents about moving the interpretation board. I will contact them before the next meeting and let the council know if there will be any requirement to move the board. There has currently been no publicity released about this board.

3. Bird Feeders at both Sites.

The volunteers at Coleorton Wood have stopped feeding the birds as the bird-food container is not yet repaired. It is likely to be some time before the Volunteer Group gets time to look at repairing this container.

The bird feeders at New Lount are working very well.

4. Newbold Heritage Group.

This Biffa Award funded project has now started and is progressing well. The Volunteer Group will be assisting the Newbold Heritage Group with work required at the reserve. Funding for this project has been received from Biffa Awards, the Parish Council, LCC and NWLDC. The project must be completed within twelve months.

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