

## Heritage Progress Report.

September 2016.

### 1. Volunteer Group

#### Coleorton Wood.

The main progress since the last meeting has been to dismantle the insect hotel from LCC's Countryside Show and reassemble it in Coleorton Wood. The group has also started to trim areas of the wood as part of the management plan.

#### New Lount Reserve.

Good progress has been made at New Lount with the autumn strimming, which has been accelerated with the use of the Country Parks' tractor mower for the first time. The group has also repaired a number of broken fences across the site.

Good progress is also being made by the Workshop Group with the manufacture of the Sand Martin Bank.

LCC Country Parks held the first Countryside Show at Beacon Hill Country Park on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August and the Volunteer Group supported the event by having their own stall. The group invited children attending the show to help build an Insect Hotel and also talked to visitors about the work carried out by the group. The show and the group's stall were both very well attended and the children had great fun building the insect hotel.

2. Lount Pottery Boards.- I have now spoken to some of the residents at Lount and it would appear that there is no longer any significant request to move the board from its existing location. I believe their main issue was not being consulted before the board was located. The Parish Council may now like to consider if it is appropriate to generate any publicity for the 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. Staff from the School of AACME, Loughborough University will be assisting the Volunteer Group to clear some of the colliery features on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September as part of the University's community volunteering scheme.

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