

Heritage Progress Report.

December 2016.

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

There has only been two work sessions at Coleorton Wood since the last meeting and one of these was rained-off. We have sorted out the flow in and out of the pond, which was overflowing due to heavy rain in November. We have continued to trim and rake-off ride sides, and we are making some progress with shrub coppicing and clearing.

New Lount Reserve.

We have also only had two work sessions at New Lount in which we have trimmed and raked-off one of the open glades and continued with woodland thinning.

Progress is being made by the Workshop Group with the manufacture of the Sand Martin Bank, and we have had additional sessions at Snibston to progress the fibre glassing of the roof. We have also surveyed the site where the bank is to be installed.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Recent attendances at work sessions have been disappointing and if it continues it will effect what work can be achieved by the group. We are looking at ways to improve the situation. One of which would be to allow volunteers to take home wood at the end of work sessions; we believe this would be an incentive, and at the moment we do not utilise any of the wood we cut down. ***Technically this wood belongs to The Parish Council and we would need your permission to do this.***

Pesticide Training:-

We have received the £416 Small Grant from NWLDC and have booked the training for 9th – 11th January 2017.

2. **Lount Pottery Boards.**- There is no change with this matter

3. **Newbold Heritage Group.**

The information for all seven boards has now been agreed and sent off to the graphic designer to design all the boards. We have also reviewed the project plan and now hope to launch the heritage trail in May 2017.

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