

Heritage Progress Report.

January 2017.

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

Due to the festive break we have not had any work sessions at Coleorton Wood since the last Council meeting. We are progressing with the shrub clearing and coppicing as required by the management plan, which we will complete. We will then move on to hedge management of which there is a lot.

New Lount Reserve.

We have only had two work sessions at New Lount since the last Council meeting in which we have continued with the woodland thinning. We have also spent some time cutting wooden mushrooms and repairing a broken fence. These two sessions were well attended.

The Workshop Group is continuing with the manufacture of the Sand Martin Bank, which is progressing well. We also have a large number of sign posts to be made for New Lount.

GROUP AGM

The group's AGM will be held on Saturday 28th January at 7.00p.m. The venue is The Beaumont Centre and the meeting will be followed by a social evening.

Pesticide Training:-

Wayne Tranmer and myself attended the two pesticide courses on 9th, 10th & 11th January and we both passed our assessments, which means the group now has two certified operators for the application of professional pesticides. We have sufficient funds to purchase all the equipment required, although we may need to find a suitable location to store these.

2. **Newbold Heritage Group.**

The design for all seven boards has been complete and approved. The designs have been sent to the board printer and manufacturer and the boards will be manufactured by the end of February. The launch of the heritage trail will take place on Saturday 13th May 2017 1.30p.m. for a 2.00p.m. start.

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