

Heritage Progress Report.

August 2017.

1. Volunteer Group

Coleorton Wood.

The group have cleared a large area of Ragwort, which has not previously been an issue. We have also cleared the area around the pond, although at one stage the pond completely dried out. We have completed a lot of strimming and raking off throughout the site, which includes clearing some of the paths which were overgrown. We have also transferred chippings from New Lount to Coleorton Wood to fill in under the picnic tables.

New Lount Reserve.

We have also had to remove and burn-off a large quantity of Ragwort which had spread throughout the site. The remainder of the time has been spent strimming and raking-off areas around the site.

The Workshop Group has completed the last, outstanding wooden mushrooms. We have also manufactured five rest benches, which will be utilised by LCC at Snibston Country Park.

2. War Memorial Cleaning/Restoration.

I have now submitted a "pre-application" to the War Memorials Trust on the basis that the Parish Council will accept the Barham Stone Ltd's quotation for this work. Due to the large number of applications to the WMT we will need to wait until late September, early October, before our application is processed. We are looking for the project to be carried out in two phases:-

Phase 1 will be to have the war memorial cleaned and the lettering inspected to assess what re-cutting is required – Cost £800 + VAT

Phase 2 would be to get the necessary letters re-cut – The maximum Cost for this is £1,520 + VAT

3. Replanting the Post Office Field.

Angus Hancock has submitted a report to the Parish Council in the form of a letter. As a result I am investigating the costs involved with training for removing wind thrown trees with chainsaws.

Cost per trainee would be £295 +VAT for the training (2 day course)

Assessment is £105 + £32 registration – there is no VAT on these charges.

Total per trainee = £432. (Plus VAT on training)

The major problem with such training is finding the opportunity to train with wind thrown trees – you need to have such a situation to do both the training and assessment. Park Hill Training would be prepared to carry out this training at Coleorton Wood.

4. Viscount Beaumont School.

We have had a number of emails from Louise Drummond who will be running the sessions with the school children at Coleorton Wood and I believe this will start in the new term from September.

John Macdonald (August 2017)