

Heritage Progress Report.

September 2017.

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

The group has spent most of the three sessions clearing the car park area, cutting back the vegetation around and strimming the grassed areas. They have also cut the hedge at the bottom of Pitt Lane and burnt up the Ragwort that had been previously pulled up. The group will now start the coppicing and cutting back of the next area as required by the management plan.

New Lount Reserve.

The two work sessions have been used to completely strim and rake-off both sides of the open grassland area at the lower level. They have also strimmed and raked-off the area around the BMX bumps.

The Workshop Group has completed the six rest benches required by LCC for the development of Snibston Country Park. The group is now manufacturing six bench seats for the park as well.

2. **CWAC – Coleorton Wood Advisory Committee.**

This was originally set up in January 2012 with a view of having a sub-committee to manage Coleorton Wood and advise the Parish Council on the management, planning and investment required for Coleorton Wood. This committee has not held a meeting since October 2014 and must therefore presumably be considered as not necessary; if this is the case can I suggest that the item is removed from the agenda?

3. **War Memorial Cleaning/Restoration.**

We are awaiting the War Memorials Trust to respond to the “pre-application” which we made back at the end of July. We would hope to hear from them in the next 3 to 4 weeks. I assume if we get acceptance of this “pre-application” we will need to submit a “Full-application”, which may delay the start even further?

We will complete the project 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

4. **Replanting the Post Office Field.**

I assume this topic will be left until the review of the management plan early in 2018?

5. **Viscount Beaumont School.**

I have not had any contact with Louise Drummond since the children returned to school this term.

6. **Ashby Museum**

The Coleorton display cabinet has now been changed to a WW1 theme and features very brief details of all of the 26 fallen from Coleorton during the First World war.

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