

Heritage Progress Report.

November 2017.

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

The group has spent most of the work sessions coppicing and thinning the shrub areas required in the management plan and are making good progress. We have also removed a very large tree that had blown down and was blocking the path along by Mr Anderson's property. This tree had apparently been down for over two weeks without being reported, which is unusual. We have also checked the inflow and outflow to the pond.

New Lount Reserve.

The two work sessions have been used to clear an area where a new roadway is to be installed on the site; this will allow future work on an extended circular walk to be completed. A recent survey from the Leicestershire Fungi Work Group praised the work being done at New Lount.

The Workshop Group has completed the six rest benches required by LCC for the development of Snibston Country Park, and is well underway to construct six bench seats for the park as well. This group is looking at the options for making a bench seat to replace the one near the war memorial and will give some proposals to the Council as soon as possible.

2. **War Memorial Cleaning/Restoration.**

After a delay, in which an email was not received, we have now been asked to submit a full application to the WMT for the proposed work on the war memorial. Due to the high demand on applications to the WMT they are focusing on supporting the larger, more complex applications, which means we may not receive any support from them. I have made the application, but the Parish Council may wish to proceed without their support as it could have to wait a further two to three months before a reply is received.

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

3. **Replanting the Post Office Field.**

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

4. **Viscount Beaumont School.**

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

5. **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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