

## Heritage Progress Report.

December 2017.

### 1. Volunteer Group

#### Coleorton Wood.

The group has had just one work session at the wood since the last meeting. We are thinning and clearing the shrub areas that are required by the management plan and have completed over half this work.

Viscount Beaumont School have started utilising the wood for their "Forest School". Louise Drummond from Viscount Beaumont School has informed me that the children are enjoying their visits and they have also agreed to look after the "Insect Hotel" which is on the site.

I have been in communication with Emma Bate from Swingboat Nurseries and she is currently looking at utilising New Lount Nature Reserve as the location for the Forest School she wishes to set up. With other activities it would be preferable to have just one Forest School group at Coleorton Wood.

#### New Lount Reserve.

The group has focused on the woodland thinning project required across a large area of the site and we have made good progress since the last meeting. We have also held a work session with Ashfield Healthcare of Ashby as part of their Community Volunteering programme; this session also focused on woodland thinning.

The Workshop Group has completed the six bench seats for LCC Country Parks at Snibston Country Park.

The group had a very successful evening session making wooden reindeers from wood that had been collected from both New Lount and Coleorton Wood; the evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

The possibility of the group manufacturing a bench seat for the War memorial area is covered in a separate report.

### 2. Milling Attachment.

With the help of funding (50% of the cost) from the National Forest the Volunteer group have recently purchased a milling attachment which fits to our Stihl chainsaws and enables us to cut logs into planks or posts. This will enable us to use some of the wood which we have cut down to make other items rather than leaving it to rot in the wood. We have realised since we purchased the attachment that we require a substantial metal rig to secure the log and to carry the attachment and chainsaw. Members of the Volunteer Group have manufactured this rig, having purchased materials which have cost us £150.00. Would it be possible for the Parish Council to assist us with these additional costs?



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

I have confirmation from the WMT that our application is being assessed on 31<sup>st</sup> December and we should be notified of the outcome within 6 weeks of this date. If we are successful the WMT will pay up to 75% of the costs.

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.**

The School are now using Coleorton Wood for their Forest School.

**John Macdonald (December 2017)**