

Heritage Progress Report.

January 2018.

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 hope to have this work completed by the end of January.

Forest Schools:-

Viscount Beaumont School have started utilising the wood for their "Forest School". I have agreed to attend one of their Friday sessions in the wood to meet the children and explain what the group is doing with the wood.

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 a Forest School. I will be meeting Emma on the 24th January to agree the best way forward.

I have also had an enquiry from Outwoods Edge Primary School, Loughborough, who are looking for some large logs of wood to add to a Forest School area at the school; I am meeting them on 25th January to see how we can assist.

New Lount Reserve.

The group has only had one work session since the Christmas break which was focused on the woodland thinning project required across a large area of the site.

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

The group is planning the production of the war memorial bench and will keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

Milling Attachment.

We are intending to organise utilising this equipment this month.

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

I have confirmation from the WMT that our application is being assessed on 31st 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. I am still waiting to hear from WMT.

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. **Review of Coleorton Wood Management Plan.**

We are due to review progress of the management plan this month and agree a new Short-term Work Programme for 2018- 2023. We also need to check if we require a new Felling License for this period. Is the Parish Council going to ask Angus Hancock to co-ordinate this revision of the Management Plan?

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