

Heritage Progress Report.

March 2018.

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

The group has now completed the shrub area coppicing and clearing required by the management plan. We have taken down three unsafe trees which were near the car park and the area used by the forest school. We have taken down a rabbit fence and opened up the area where we will start to lay a hedge. We have also taken down all the grey willow trees that were badly leaning and we are expecting them to coppice back. We now have just two work sessions before we move into the spring and summer period.

Management Plan.

The short-term work programme for the woods expired at the end of 2017 and needs now to be reviewed and a new work programme agreed for the next five years. Apart from the hedge management work we have completed all the required work on the old work programme. Angus Hancock has been asked to assist with this review.

Forest Schools:-

Viscount Beaumont School continue to hold their Forest School in the wood, although recent weather has restricted this.

Swingboat Nurseries are intending to use New Lount Reserve for their Forest School, but there are one or two administrative items to be sorted. The Volunteer Group has prepared some cut timber ready for when they do start.

We have agreed to supply Outwoods Edge Primary School, Loughborough, with cut timber for their school forest school. This wood will be supplied from New Lount Reserve.

New Lount Reserve.

The group has spent all of the work sessions thinning woodland. We will soon move into spring and summer site maintenance work.

The Workshop Group has started to manufacture the war memorial bench.

Milling Attachment.

We are intending to organise utilising this equipment this month.

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

We have now been notified by the WMT that they will support up to 75% of the costs for cleaning and re-cutting the inscriptions on the war memorial. We are required to carry out this project in two phases – cleaning and re-cutting and the WMT need to be consulted between these two phases. The paperwork needs to be progressed and received by the WMY before work can start. It is hoped that we will get all this work completed by 11th November 2018.

3. **WW1 Celebrations.**

NWLDC is offering up to £500 grants to assist groups to celebrate the centenary anniversary of the end of WW1 and it would be nice for the village to have some event to celebrate this event. It would be good if we could get the children involved as well. Ideas might be:-

Street party/party – maybe inside as the weather could be adverse.

A small exhibition on the 26 people associated with Coleorton who were killed in WW1.

Try and discover all the people in the village who had relatives involved with WW1.

Etc.

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