

Heritage Progress Report.

April 2018.

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

We have laid a section of hedge and have now stopped habitat management work until the autumn. We have used the milling attachment to mill some planks from trees that had been cut down in the wood. We have spent time cutting down and clearing two trees that fell down into the neighbouring field. We have also milled some planks from these fallen trees. We spent time clearing and unblocking the brook that runs just outside the wood's fence near the pond.

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. I have not been informed if this plan is being produced.

Forest Schools:-

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

Swingboat Nurseries have now started to bring small groups of children to New Lount reserve as part of their Forest School activities.

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 this month if the weather allows.

New Lount Reserve.

The group has now ceased habitat management and we have been tidying up areas where we have been woodland thinning over the winter. We have also spent some time repairing fencing across the site.

The Workshop Group has started to manufacture the war memorial bench and is making planters from the planks of timber we have cut using the milling attachment.

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

The cleaning of the war memorial is now scheduled to be carried out on Tuesday 24th April; after which an assessment will be made with WMT as to how much re-cutting of inscriptions is required.

3. **WW1 Celebrations.**

I have had preliminary discussions with the head teacher at Viscount Beaumont School and she is enthusiastic to have a "Celebration Party" at the school on a Wednesday afternoon in September. Prior to this party the children will be carrying out projects relating to WW1 and their work will be exhibited at the party. I can also do a small exhibition on the 26 fallen who are associated with Coleorton.

I have asked the Coleorton WI if they would be prepared to make the food for the party, and if so how much it would cost.

NWLDC funding is up to £500 but it needs to be match funded; would the Parish Council be prepared to match fund this event.

If we proceed with event I will require some assistance to get it properly organised.

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