

Heritage Progress Report.

May 2018

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

We have strimmed and cleared the car park, and at an appropriate time will look at treating it for weed removal. We have also managed to strim a large amount of path edges throughout the wood. A number of planks of timber have also been produced with the milling attachment.

Management Plan.

The short-term work programme for the woods expired at the end of 2017 and now needs 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.

Swingboat Nurseries have made great progress with small groups of children at New Lount reserve as part of their Forest School activities.

New Lount Reserve.

We have spent the time tidying up the areas where we have been woodland thinning and repairing fences.

The Workshop Group is making good progress with the war memorial bench. We produced a number of planters from wood cut from the wood and these have been sold at the recent plant sales.

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

The cleaning of the war memorial took place on Tuesday 24th April; and a short report, with photographs, has been sent off to the WMT. We are awaiting their feedback on the cleaning. It would appear that there will be no need to have the inscriptions re-cut. However as the war memorial is in a very rural location it may be necessary to have it cleaned on a regular basis (possibly every two years) to keep the algae and lichen contamination under control.

3. **WW1 Celebrations.**

The head teacher at the school has held a meeting with the staff to firm-up on the projects to be carried out by the children for the celebrations. We will be meeting this week to discuss further detail of the project.

The WI has said that they will help with the food and drinks, but we now need to agree what food and drinks is required and what the cost will be. I am hoping that with commitment from the community there will be no need to seek funding from NWLDC, although this still may be an option.

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