

Heritage Progress Report.

June 2018

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

We have spent all of our time at the wood strimming the pathways and clearing them of any obstruction vegetation. The wood has not been mown so we have had to clear most of the paths to give good access. We have also re-tidied the car park.

More planks of timber have also been produced with the milling attachment.

We have discussed amongst ourselves the concept of the Parish Council purchasing a scythe-type petrol driven mower and the volunteer group doing the mowing. The mower would cost around £1,000, but there are major issues of where we would store it and how would we transport it – might be worth discussing?

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 been strimming areas around the reserve to allow better access. We have also started constructing a new path in an area that creates severe access problems in the winter months.

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

The cleaning of the war memorial took place on Tuesday 24th April; and we are still awaiting feedback from the WMT as to the next stage; Andrew has contacted them on this topic.

3. **WW1 Celebrations.**

We now have a committee working on this project which will take place on Wednesday 26th September from 2.00 – 3.30p.m. at Viscount Beaumont School. I will produce a report on progress and circulate it to councillors.

Proposed plaque for the Memorial bench:-

Approximately 14cms X 9cms



John Macdonald (June 2018)