

## **Heritage Progress Report.**

**September 2018**

### **1. Coleorton Wood.**

#### ***Recent Work Completed:-***

The Volunteer Group has cleared the channel leading into the pond in an effort to build up the water level, which completely dried up through the hot summer weather. We have tidied up the two laid hedges and removed three Elder trees in the Post Office Field.

#### ***Work to be completed:-***

We have had both our strimmers serviced so have been unable to carry out the strimming we should have completed. We will be working on this over the next two or three work session and hope to catch-up before the end of October. Once the strimming is complete we will start on the coppicing and clearing of ride edges, of which we have a lot to do this season, as we are intending to move from an eight year rotation to a five year one.

If we have the volunteer hours we will also be milling logs into planks.

### **Management Plan.**

Angus Hancock has been in contact with me on the preparation of the management plan and has sent me a copy of his proposed plan for discussion. He will finalise the plan once we have had a discussion.

### **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.

### **2. New Lount Reserve.**

We have been very successful in strimming large areas at New Lount including the bank of Norfolk Reeds. We have had another successful work session with Cadent Gas Ltd employees, who have contributed to our overall volunteer hours.

### **3. Memorial Bench.**

This is currently being assembled and we have had one unsuccessful attempt to remove the old metal bench. We may need to hire more robust equipment to remove the old bench.

### **4. WW1 Celebrations.**

The committee have agreed to postpone this event until WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER as we required more time to properly organise the event. This will enable the school to combine the annual children's' act of remembrance with this WW1 celebration, with both events being carried out on the same day. It will take place from 2.00 – 3.30p.m. at Viscount Beaumont School.

**John Macdonald (September 2018)**