

Heritage Wardens' Progress Report.

September 2013.

1. **Local Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

The group is now in that time of year when we can continue with our habitat management work. We have started strimming and raking off the rides and we have also started cutting back the shrub growth as indicated in the management plan. We have also cleared the area in front of the bird feeding station to allow better vision of the birds feeding.

2. **New Lount Reserve.**

The group has now completed the installation of all three refurbished picnic tables in the second picnic area. We have started strimming and raking off the edges of the rides, including tidying up the entrance and road into the site. We have now strimmed and raked off the main area of the species rich grassland area.

The workshop sessions have resulted in the production of two Kestrel boxes, four Tawny Owl boxes and six Willow Tit boxes.

3. **Social Events.**

Despite a large number of people wishing to attend, the Bat Night & BBQ had to be cancelled twice due to very poor weather. We will now have to rearrange this for next year.

4. **RCC Village Achievement Awards.**

Coleorton has been awarded the winner of the Community Category of these awards. The Volunteer Group was entered on behalf of the village and was voted the winner and has been given a prize of £250. This award should prove to be a useful promotional tool to help raise the profile of the village.

We would suggest that the award certificate could be displayed in the Post Office and in any other locations where it is safe to display it. The post Office has agreed to display the certificate.

5. **War memorial Project.**

This project is progressing well, and I have now completed the details for all the Coleorton individuals.

Those not appearing on the War memorial.

In relation to NWLDC and The British Legion's project to recognise those not appearing on current memorials I have six names that are attributed to Coleorton, but are not on a current Coleorton war memorial. Some of these were on the Methodist Church war memorial which is now at Ashby Museum and some were on the Baptist Chapel memorial which has been lost. Two of these individuals are on St George's, Swannington Memorial so are represented on a current memorial.

I have attached a list with those not on the Coleorton War memorial in RED.

6. **Trevor Stewart's Books.**

Trevor has now re-printed the book on the History of Coleorton and it is available for sale. There are limited copies available on this first print, so it is very likely that a second print will be required to meet the demand and have books available.

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