Heritage Wardens' Progress Report.   December 2013.

1. **Local Volunteer Group**
   Coleorton Wood.
   The group is making good progress with the habitat management work. We have completed strimming and raked off in the Post Office Field and are making progress in the other areas of the wood. We have completed about 80% of the coppicing and cutting back the ride-side shrubs that are required in the management plan, although we still have the large stumps to deal with. The group has also tidied up the areas around the car park. The stream feeding the pond has been cleared. We have removed the owl nesting box and will replace it with a new box before the end of 2013.

2. New Lount Reserve.
   The group is continuing with strimming and raking off around the site. The group has continued to thin and crown-lift the mixed woodland at the front of the site, near the Melbourne Road. We have now installed 4 new owl nesting boxes, 6 Willow Tit nesting boxes and a Kestrel nesting box.
   The workshop sessions are now focusing on making a "Mini-beast Hotel" for each of the sites. It is hoped these will create interest in invertebrates on both sites.

3. Social Events.
   The Group will hold its "Christmas Meal in the Woods" on the work session of 14th December.
   We also have a Group social event on Friday 20th December which is a Mulled Wine & Mined Pies Evening.

4. **War memorial Project.**
   Ashby Museum and the WW1 Project will need to establish the precise costs for printing in colour and then decide on what funds are required. It is hoped this will be agreed at the Project Team meeting on 22nd January 2014.
   I have supplied NWLDC with the information they requested for the Coalville additional memorial plaque.

5. **Trevor Stewart's Books.**
   The second run of Trevor's book on Coleorton History has now been printed and should be on sale in the village Post Office, Redhall Garage and Ashby Museum. Trevor has now also re-printed the Coleorton Pottery Book and this will also be available for sale before Christmas.   **John Macdonald (December 2013)**