

Heritage Progress Report.

June 2014.

1. **Local Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

With the LCC Ranger's help we have removed the partially fallen tree in the Post Office Field. The remainder of the time on site has been utilised clearing the picnic area, clearing the area in front of the pond and clearing the pathways of branches and other obstructions. We have surveyed the rabbit fencing and have a plan of which fencing will be removed; work will start on this from Saturday 28th June.

New Lount Reserve.

We have cleared the open area near the Species Rich Grassland and set up the 'Bug-Hotel' in this area. The two picnic areas have also been strimmed and tidied-up. We have also cleaned all the interpretation boards on the site. Most of the time has been spent on the installation of the small boardwalk near the top pond – good progress has been made with this.

The workshop sessions continued with the reconditioning of the large notice board, and we have also prepared the timber for the small boardwalk at New Lount. The group's tools have also been cleaned and serviced.

2. **War memorial Project.**

The Ashby Area book has now been printed and the official launch will take place on Monday 28th July at Snibston Discovery Park.

I am still looking for memorabilia/artefacts for the WW1 display at the museum. The Viscount Beaumont School have kindly loaned me the school Log Book.

3. **War Memorial and 100 Years commemorations?**

I have now had the chance to discuss the re-painting of the lettering with a stone mason at the war memorial and have been convinced that the current condition of the stone is unsuitable for just re-painting (It is too porous). The cost of re-cutting all the lettering would be far too high so I would suggest that we investigate the Volunteer Group cleaning the war memorial before 11th November 2014.

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