

## **Heritage Progress Report.**

**August 2014.**

### **1. Local Volunteer Group**

#### **Coleorton Wood.**

The Group have managed just one session at Coleorton Wood since the last meeting. The reason for this is the necessity to remove Ragwort at New Lount. We have removed two sections of the fence along side of the Anderson's property, which will allow both a survey and any woodland management in this area.

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

Most of the time at New Lount has been spent clearing the Ragwort from the open grassland areas; this has been particularly difficult with the recent very hot weather. The Group has continued to make good progress with the small boardwalk near the top pond. The Group has also spent time tidying up the entrance to the site.

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. We are hoping to start work on the picnic tables and bench seats for Coleorton Wood.

### **2. Chainsaw Training.**

The Volunteer Group has been awarded a Woodland Management Grant from the National Forest to the value of £2,168.59, or 75% of the total cost, whichever is less. This grant is for the purchase of a suitable chainsaw, equipment required for the maintenance of the saw and sufficient PPE for two volunteers, together with the cost of training these two volunteers to the required standard. The grant is made on the basis that match funding (25% = £722.89) has been kindly offered by the Parish Council.

It is looking like the training will have to be delayed until the end of October 2014. In the mean time the group are going ahead with the purchase of the chainsaw and the associated equipment.

### **3. War memorial Project.**

The Ashby Area book was officially launched on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July at Snibston Discovery Park and is now on sale at Ashby Museum or through myself at a cost of £12.

The WW1 display at Ashby Museum was officially opened on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August and the Coleorton display is centred on The Viscount Beaumont School who kindly loaned me the school Log Book.

### **4. War Memorial and 100 Years commemorations?**

I will arrange to clean the war memorial before 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**John Macdonald (August 2014)**