

Heritage Progress Report.

December 2014.

1. **Volunteer Group**

Coleorton Wood.

The group has cleared the channel feeding into the pond, which has a very high level of water. The bulk of the time has been used thinning and coppicing the ride-side shrubs as required by the management plan. The group has also tidied up some of the brash left over from the contractor thinning of the wood. There is more of this to clear up.

The two volunteers have successfully completed their chainsaw training and we have cleared all the remaining stumps and a few trees using chainsaws.

New Lount Reserve.

The bulk of the time has been spent strimming and raking off a very large area of open grassland. The group has now installed the large notice board on site. We are working with LCC Country Parks Department on designing a new interpretation board for the site.

The workshop sessions have completed two bench seats, which are now ready to be installed on site. We have begun manufacturing the two picnic tables and these will be available for the spring.

2. **Chainsaw Training.**

Mick Specht and Brian Bartram have now successfully completed this course and the equipment has already been used to good purpose. I have prepared the claim for the National Forest Grant which will be submitted within the next week.

3. **War memorial Project.**

The first three books are now on sale and have initially sold very well. I am now assisting with the Moira & Donisthorpe book, which should be available in the New Year.

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

The War memorial was cleaned prior to Remembrance Sunday (9th November). A small group washed the complete memorial and removed most of the soiling. We will consider cleaning the memorial during 1915 with a suitable biocide to remove all of the remaining soiling.

Can I suggest that 6 additional names should be added to the list which is read out? These are names of Coleorton fallen from WW1 that were recorded on other war memorials (Methodist Church and Baptist Chapel) which no longer exist.

5. **History of Mining Book.**

Trevor Stewart has recently published another local history book on the History of Coal Mining in Coleorton and the Local Area. This is on sale at the Post Office and Redhall Garage.

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