

## **Heritage Progress Report.**

**January 2015.**

1. **Volunteer Group**

**Coleorton Wood.**

The group has now completed the shrub coppicing and thinning required in the management plan for this autumn/winter period. The wood has also been surveyed and, at the time of writing, the recent strong winds have not brought down any trees.

The group will now move onto the hedge management for which we will need to order some whips, guards and canes.

**New Lount Reserve.**

There has only been one session since the last meeting in which we progressed both the strimming of open glades and the thinning of woodland.

The workshop sessions have completed two bench seats, which are now ready to be installed on site. We have completed manufacturing the two picnic tables and these also need to be installed on site.

2. **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 we hope to have available in March this year.

3. **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.

4. **St Mary's Graveyard Audit**

Trevor Stewart and I will be carrying out an audit of St Mary's Church graveyard, which could require some of the stones being uncovered. We have obtained permission for this work from both the church and NWLDC.

I am also working with the Church Council on possible repairs to the church.

**John Macdonald (January 2015)**