

# Project Newsletter No4 – August 2000

## Annual Mowing Session

Now that the growing season has come to an end, it is time once more to manage the grassland at the top of the site, i.e. to the rear of Cranston and Burnside.

Once again, Broxtowe Council has kindly agreed to organise and fund the actual mowing of the grassland - taking place during w/c 18<sup>th</sup> September. A skip will also be provided over the weekend (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Sept), near the Sandy Lane access point, to enable the group to remove the cuttings from the site.

This will continue to build on the fantastic effort by the group last year, and help to further improve and enhance the grassland area, by restoring 'traditional' hay meadow management.

To make certain of completing the task within the given time span, I propose that this should be completed over both days of that

## Important Dates for Your Diary

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10.30am □ 4.30pm  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am □ lunchtime

weekend - this same arrangement worked extremely well indeed last year, and so I see no reason to change it. If work progresses as well as in '99 we should have the majority of work completed by mid-afternoon on the Saturday, giving us chance to tackle a few other areas on the Sunday.

As with last year, this is our most important annual event and gives us the chance to prove to our partners that we, as a group, are well worth investing in.

Also, we will be on site throughout the weekend and will be able to address any questions and/or comments from other site users, as well as promoting the work of 'The Friends' - this will hopefully generate understanding, interest and support, and even possibly attract new members.

I have managed to acquire three of the 'big bags' that were so useful last year, as well as a sizeable 'drag sheet'. I will also arrange for the loan of most of the other necessary equipment - but if you have a rake please bring it along. Also, it is imperative that you bring a good pair of work gloves, as Toxocara is a potential hazard (see below).

**So please try and come along for either one or both of the days (10.30am till 4.30pm Sat, & 10.30 till 12.30 approx. Sun), for as long as you can possibly spare. The long-term success of the group may depend on the success of these projects.**

**Toxocara** - this is the name given to various parasitic worms that can be picked up from dog's faeces and soil; it can cause disease and eye damage (including blindness). Hence it is vitally important that gloves are worn, and exposed skin and clothing are washed thoroughly after the work has finished.