



SPRING NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

UPDATE ON PLANNED NEW PATH (ENTRANCE FROM MARKHAM ROAD)

Unfortunately there is little to report with regard to the application for a grant to remove the present steep entrance path to be replaced with one that has a more gradual incline. This is through no lack of effort by our chairman Norman and on behalf of all members we are grateful for the time he has already spent on this. The application for a grant consists of 24 pages and there have been various complications. Even though The Friends will be making the application Broxtowe BC needed to be contacted as the landowners. Hopefully we can soon report substantial progress.

WORKING SESSION REPORT: JANUARY to MARCH 2017

January has traditionally been the month we have the big litter/ rubbish clear up and even though the problem has greatly improved over recent years we still collected enough to justify the Council's collecting this the following day. We also swept the bridle path and the steps leading to Thoresby Rd and cut back encroaching gorse on the steps and path leading down from the viewpoint towards Brookside Avenue. More clearing up work was carried out on the tree avenue near Jasmine Close. In February we had another good turnout and as well as carrying on with the tree avenue clear up (see photo below) we also removed a large amount of broom that had begun to re-grow in the perennial wildflower area; in this disturbed ground we sowed heather seed collected from our established plants. Several small ash trees were cut down to clear a grassland area and these will be used as edging for the path alongside the Sandy Lane entrance wildflower patch (see March report). A tree that had collapsed onto the edge of the football pitch was removed and a photo taken and forwarded to Broxtowe BC of a burnt-out motor scooter. This was removed by the Council within a few days. Because of heavy rain on the Sunday of our scheduled March session this was postponed a couple of days. Despite having only a small group we still managed to clear the Brookside Ave wildflower triangle of the very dense dead vegetation ready for weed killer spraying and also laid most of the path edging on the Sandy Lane wildflower area. The spraying of both wildflower areas was carried out the following week so we shall be able to sow fresh seed on both these sites in mid-April. A tree which had fallen onto the bridle path was also cleared.

Next working session dates will be on 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 6th August and 3rd September.



GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD 2017/2018

We are due to have a "mystery shopper" inspection again this year as we did two years ago. This meant the actual application involved very little input on our part and the application was submitted well before the deadline. The disadvantages of this type of judging are that we have no idea when the judge is coming and more importantly we have no opportunity to explain what work we have carried out since the last inspection and what our future plans are. We would have really liked to have the opportunity to show the judge the detailed management plan referred to in the last newsletter.

SUMMER WALKS FOR MEMBERS

Enid has once again arranged two fairly leisurely walks for us. There will be an afternoon one and an evening one. The afternoon one will be on Tuesday July 4th along the Nutbrook Trail which will involve a modest car journey to get to the starting point. The evening walk will be on Thursday July 13th along the Nottingham and Erewash Canals. A short car ride will get us to the start. Those of you who are interested in either of these walks should contact Enid. Details of starting times will be given nearer the date. The committee is very grateful to Enid for arranging these walks and we hope they will be well supported.

MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPH

A great photograph for this issue taken by Eric last month.

