



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

FURTHER UPDATE ON PLANNED NEW PATH

From our chairman Norman:

We have received a letter from the Awards for All (Lottery Funding) and I am sorry to report that our application has been unsuccessful. We were hoping to improve the path entrance to the Markham Road site and resurface some of the paths but sadly it is no longer a project we can undertake. The reason given for the rejection of funding was that Broxtowe Borough Council owns the land, not "The Friends". The letter states that the decision is final and there is little point in resubmitting the same application. They did appreciate the time and energy required to complete the application and know the outcome will be a disappointment to all concerned. I have spent many hours over the last six months on this project and yes, it is a disappointment. I would like to record my thanks to Chris Riley for his contribution too...for all the visits, telephone calls and research for the application. I know he is as disappointed as I am with the decision.

A BLOOMING SUCCESS

Also from Norman:

The Rotary Club of Wollaton Park has very generously promised to donate 1000 purple crocus corms to us to plant on the Ridge in the Autumn. International Rotarians have been working for the last thirty years to help eradicate the terrible disease of polio. To promote the "End Polio Now" campaign local Rotary Clubs distribute free purple crocus corms to parks, schools and sites such as ours. The colour is significant as it is the colour of the dye put on each child's little finger to show they have been immunised in countries where it is difficult to keep accurate records.

A vast sum of money is still required to finally rid the world of polio. To help this worthy cause members are invited to purchase bags of 100 corms (£5 per bag) for their own garden. Each £1 Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two to one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. We really hope that members and friends will rally round to support the Wollaton Rotary. To place an order, please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it **before the end of August** to either John Appleton at 50 Sandy Lane or to Norman Clyde-Watson at 19 Balmoral Drive.

BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR VIEWS

The Parks and Environment team are keen to hear from as many residents and users of the Alexandrina Plantation open space as possible to help to continue to improve the facilities and help them ensure it meets the Broxtowe Parks Standard. If you have access to a computer you can complete the survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/broxtoweparksurvey and the closing date for this is the 30th September. Please encourage as many of your friends and neighbours as you can to give their views.

WORKING SESSIONS REPORT APRIL to JUNE 2017

We have had an average of 10 volunteers over the last 3 months and have completed the following jobs:

The two wildflower areas raked and cleared of thatch and other debris before seed sown

Path edging installation completed at Sandy Lane entrance and bark chippings laid to part of path (completed in July]

Bridle path swept and many other paths cleared of encroaching nettles, brambles etc and some dead trees removed. Debris resulting from fire damage cleared.

All signs washed and litter picking completed on both reserves

Our next working session dates are 6 August, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November and 3 December



GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD APPLICATION 2017/2018

We started this newsletter with disappointing news about the grant so I'm glad we can end on a positive note. Even though we haven't yet had an email confirming that we have achieved this award we have received the pennant for 2017/18. I think, therefore, it is safe to assume that our two reserves have gained this prestigious award for a ninth consecutive year.

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Please cut off the section below if you wish to purchase any bags of crocus corms and return before 31 August.

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I WANT TO PURCHASE BAG(S) OF 100 PURPLE CROCUS CORMS AT £5 PER BAG TO SUPPORT THE "END POLIO NOW" CAMPAIGN AND ENCLOSE £.....

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