



FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

NEW PATH COMPLETED PLUS OTHER WORKS

The last issue announced the great news that The Ministry of Housing, Local Government and Communities had provided the money for a new path to be created from Markham Road, steps from Thoresby Road to be replaced and the circular path on Alexandrina Plantation reserve to be resurfaced and that work was due to start on July 1st.

The work began on that date. The resurfacing of the circular path was carried out on the first three days and then the work started on preparing the new access path from Markham Road. This was completed over four days and the photographs below show the stage where the sub-base had been laid and also the finished pathway. As you can see, this path has a much more gradual incline and is no longer from the corner of the road. This new path will make access for everyone much easier but especially for those using pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. It is already being well used and mothers with pushchairs and a few with double pushchairs certainly welcome this.



The steps from Thoresby Road were completed a few weeks later as the sleepers had to be ordered. Originally I had thought they were just replacing those steps that were showing signs of wear but in fact all the old steps were removed and replaced and two or three extra steps were inserted. Hopefully these extra steps, together with the hard infilling between each step, will make using these a lot easier. See photo on next page. The surface beneath the swings on the play area was also replaced with the money provided.

Early in September two civil servants from the Ministry met Chris Riley and me to see how the money had been spent and they seemed very impressed with all the work done.



WORKING SESSION REPORT JULY to SEPTEMBER 2019

Over the last three months despite several of our regulars being on holiday or absent for other reasons we still averaged eleven members. We were fortunate to have good weather on all three dates and managed to get all the scheduled work done. This is the time of year when all of our minor paths quickly become overgrown and some almost impassable, so this has been a priority on all three occasions. In August we also dealt with a very large branch that had been struck by lightning a week earlier and was partly blocking the main path on the Markham Road site. Also in August a damaged leg of the oak bench alongside the wildflower area at the Sandy Lane entrance was replaced. The new leg was secured in quick-setting concrete. In September the six new Green Flag posters for 2019/2020 were put up, several dead trees were cut down and, as always, litter picking was completed.

Next working days are Nov 3rd, Dec 1st, Jan 5th, Feb 2nd and March 1st.

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to...

Enid and David Swetnam who are moving to Trowell. Enid and David have been very long-standing members. Over the years they have helped our group a lot with joining our working sessions and for several years Enid organised summer walks for our members. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank them for their support and wish them well in their new home.