



# WINTER NEWSLETTER

## FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

### COVID-19

Once again we are in a period of lockdown which will last at least until mid-February; consequently working sessions are once again suspended. Obviously we do not know yet for how long this will continue so please check our website for more information.

### WORKING SESSIONS REPORT OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2020

With early rain and more forecast we only had three members attending the October session. Even so they managed to clear another overgrown path and then moved on to the bridle path which they swept to clear the leaf and tree debris.

November saw seven volunteers turn out and thanks to Helene's email earlier in the week we avoided more than six people meeting together. The bridle path was again cleared and then the group moved on to the area where the hazel trees were planted a year ago, and finished clearing the bramble which was rapidly invading this area.

The second lockdown period ended just a few days prior to our December session and again we had seven members attending plus a pupil from a local school, (with one of his parents), who was starting his Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. The main tasks today included clearing out the existing bird boxes and erecting four repaired ones. A path that runs parallel to the football pitch had become very overgrown and even though one side is on private land and covered with Japanese Knotweed it was possible to widen this path by cutting back hard the opposite side of the path where laurels are growing. Once completed, the group then moved on to the steps leading down to Thoresby Road, and cleared these steps and also cut back overhanging bramble alongside the edge of the pavement. The gravel that had been washed down from the steps on to the pavement was also cleared.

The usual litter picks were carried out on all three sessions.

**Next working session dates (provisional): March 7, April 4 and May 2**

### NEW MEMBERS

We have been lucky to gain several new members over the last few months. They are: Bob and June Hughes, Dawn Nelson, Oliver and Emma Dannhauser, Nick Woodier and Amy Waller. Elizabeth Dalton also rejoined. A very warm welcome to you all.

**WISHING EVERYONE A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**