



WINTER NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

Welcome to this first newsletter of 2023 and we wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

WORKING SESSIONS REPORT OCTOBER to DECEMBER 2022

In October we had 12 members volunteering and the jobs completed were:

1. All the bird boxes on the Markham Road reserve were cleaned out, disinfected and if necessary removed for repair. Two new boxes were erected so we have 14 boxes on this site. The good news is that last year all the boxes were used by either blue or great tits.
2. Broom was removed from the perennial wildflower area on Alexandrina Plantation.
3. Replacement sections were installed alongside the path leading towards the rocky outcrop.
4. Some low hanging branches on the main path from Thoresby Road were cut back.
5. A large piece of Russian Vine had managed to cross the path onto the wildflower area and this was dug out and removed.

November had 9 volunteers and that month we completed:

1. Planting 120 wild daffodil bulbs in the perennial wildflower area on Alexandrina Plantation
2. Two trees that had been blown down on the Markham Rd reserve and had fallen across main pathways were cut down and removed.
3. The bridle path was cleared down to the exit to Maidstone Drive.

In December we again had 9 volunteers and they:

1. Finished clearing the bottom end of the bridle path where mud accumulates.
2. Completed the edging to the path (see item 3 October)
3. Removed 5 bird boxes from Alexandrina Plantation for repair where possible. These boxes had been installed about 20 years ago and had not been cleaned out for about 5 years so were clearly in a very poor state. New or repaired boxes will be erected in the autumn.

FUTURE WORKING SESSION DATES are Feb 5, Mar 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4.

GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD 2023/2024

This application will be submitted shortly for what would be a fifteenth consecutive year. We do know that this year it will be what they refer to as a "mystery shopper inspection".