

A banner image featuring a field of yellow and white daffodils in bloom. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered over the image, containing the text 'SPRING NEWSLETTER' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

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A horizontal blue bar with a thin white border. The text 'FRIENDS of BRAMCOTE RIDGE' is centered within the bar in a green, sans-serif font.

FRIENDS of BRAMCOTE RIDGE

WORKING SESSIONS REPORT JANUARY to MARCH 2023

We started the year with a good turnout of 12 volunteers. As well as the usual litter collection on both reserves the rest of the group concentrated on clearing all the dead bracken, bramble and other vegetation from both sides of the hedge alongside the main path on the Markham Road reserve. All the dead material was collected and scattered amongst the wooded area opposite.



This has allowed light to reach the primroses, cowslips and oxslips growing on the path side of this hedge so that they can flourish. At the time of writing this the benefits are already obvious with many of these plants already in flower. After flowering a few of the larger clumps are now ready for being divided and some of the gaps further along the hedge can then be filled in.

The February session had seven members turning out on what was a perfect sunny winter morning. We removed the final two bird boxes from the Alexandrina Plantation reserves so the work on repairing all seven boxes could begin to ensure that they are ready to be erected later this year. The bridle path was again swept to clear leaves and tree debris. The final piece of work on the hedge clearance, mostly done last month, was completed. Litter was again collected.

There were eleven volunteers in March and the jobs completed were: forking over the Thoresby Road wildflower area ready for new seed to be sown in May and clearing bramble and broom from the immediate area around the hazel trees that were planted three years ago. It was good to see that the wild daffodils and snowdrops planted around the hazels were doing well. Litter was collected from both reserves.

NEXT WORKING SESSION DATES: MAY 7, JUNE 4, JULY 2 and AUG 6

CANOPY 2050

The following piece is copied from an email issued by Broxtowe BC in January. The person based in Beeston who was the originator of this is our very own Helene. It is reprinted here in the hope that some of our members may be willing to become a "tree guardian".

Canopy 2050 is a community project in the Broxtowe area based in Beeston. Our objective is to increase the urban tree canopy to 30%, as per the national target. More trees mean cleaner air and a healthier environment for us to live in.

We aim to do this by collecting seeds from specific native species and distributing them to volunteer tree guardians who plant them and care for the seedlings until the saplings are big enough to plant out (normally 2years.) Tree guardians will then be able to plant them out in areas designated by the local Council. You can see your trees grow from seed to sapling and then be able to plant them out and watch their continued growth into a tree that will benefit your local community.

The project started in spring 2021 with acorns collected in 2020. There are now thousands of oak saplings being cared for in gardens and allotments all over Nottingham.

After seed collecting forays in the autumn and seed extracting over the winter, we're now looking for new guardians, thousands. of seeds from 16 different varieties of trees to distribute.

If you can grow flowers and veg you can grow trees!

If you have space for a few pots contact us.

Email: info@canopy2050.org or find us on Facebook.