



FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD 2023/2024

We are really pleased to have received the news that we have gained the Green Flag Community Award for another year. This means we have now received this prestigious award for fifteen consecutive years. So, a big thank you to all members, whether those who attend our monthly working sessions or show your support and interest by your membership of our group.

WORKING SESSIONS REPORT APRIL to JUNE 2023

Over the last three months we continued to have good support from members for our monthly working sessions and the following jobs were completed:

The wildflower area alongside Thoresby Rd was dug over in April and deep-rooted weeds and several tree roots from the conifers on the other side of the path were removed. Gravel and soil that had washed down from the steps leading down to Thoresby Rd was also cleared.

In May the large overhanging laurel hedge at the bottom end of the bridle path (near Brookside Avenue) was cut back. Some of the group concentrated on the Markham Road reserve where the rapidly growing bracken etc alongside the hedge by the grassland area was cut back. There were also overhanging branches at the far end of this reserve and these too were cleared. On both reserves all the main pathways were checked and cleared.

By June things were growing rapidly so we concentrated on clearing smaller paths but ones which are well used. We also made safe a partly collapsed tree on Devil's Steps.

Litter collection was completed on both reserves on all three months as usual.

Next Working Sessions: Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3.

MAYORAL RECOGNITION

On the 10th May representatives of our group attended a certificate awarding ceremony by the outgoing Mayor of Broxtowe, Councillor David Grindell. The certificate is in recognition of the Friends' conservation work and assistance to the Council in managing and maintaining the Sandy Lane Open Space and Alexandrina Plantation LNR's. There were just seven organisations that received this honour chosen by the Mayor.

