



FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

WORKING SESSIONS REPORT JULY to NOVEMBER 2023

In July we had 6 members turning out. They concentrated on the Alexandrina Plantation paths including the one leading down from Walter's Seat which had become overgrown with broom and some gorse. Brambles overhanging other paths were also cleared and mugwort was removed from the Thoresby Road wildflower area.

For the August session we had 10 members volunteering. The Green Flag Community Award notices for 2022/23 were taken down so that they could be updated. The rest of the group worked on the Sandy Lane Open Space reserve clearing pathways, especially those in Ivy Wood where a collapsed tree was removed.

September saw only 5 volunteers attending. The new Green Flag Community Award notices for 2023/24 were erected. Again overhanging branches, bramble etc were removed from the main paths and broom was cleared from around a nice patch of heathers that are establishing themselves on the grassland area near Jasmine Close.

In October we had 7 members who cleared the bridle path where soil and tree debris had accumulated following the very heavy rain we had had in the previous week. The main paths on Alexandrina Plantation were all checked for overhanging branches which were removed to make the paths safe.



Finally in November 6 members came to work. Eighteen beech saplings were planted in the gaps in the hedge alongside the main path / grassland area and much of the vegetation growing into the hedge was removed. Pruning was carried out along the path leading down to Heather Rise.

As always litter was collected from both reserves on all four sessions.

Next working session dates: Dec 3rd, Jan 7th, Feb 4th and March 3rd

THORESBY ROAD WILDFLOWERS

After the seeds were sown in May these were initially unpromising , probably because of unfavourable weather, but from July until well into October they provided a colourful display giving pleasure to many passers-by.

We hope the council will agree to help us to create an additional similar patch on this grassy area next year.



John Cox

We are very sorry to report the death of our member John Cox who died on the 3rd November. Many of you will not know John but he was one of our original members when the group was formed in 1999 and regularly attended working sessions when he was in good health.

Your new committee

Following the AGM on the 6th November your new committee for 2023/2024 is :

Helene Laanest - Chair
Nick Woodier - Secretary
Steve Severn - Treasurer

Other committee members

Robert Armitage
Allan Bridgwater
Robert Hughes
June Hughes

Membership Subscriptions

The membership subscription fell due on the 1st November and remains at £5 per person per annum. Many have already paid but for those that haven't we very much hope you will continue to support the group as your membership is greatly valued. To continue membership please either forward a cheque payable to "The Friends of Bramcote Ridge " to our treasurer making sure your name is on the envelope. Alternatively, you can pay by bank transfer. For further details of payment please contact us via friends@bramcote-ridge.org.uk.