



FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD 2022/2023 RETAINED

Our reserves were inspected in May and Helene and I walked around the sites with the judge to answer any questions and explain our ideas for future developments. He seemed impressed with what he saw and we have just this month received confirmation that we have again achieved this award for what is a fourteenth consecutive year. His final comment on the feedback report was, "The two nature reserves are an important area of green space in an otherwise developed area. The Friends are committed to ensuring that they remain accessible, wildlife rich areas that can be used by all. They are to be congratulated for their commitment and hard work."

Many thanks to all our members for your invaluable interest, help and support.

WORKING SESSIONS REPORT APRIL to JUNE 2022

We have continued to receive excellent turnouts in the last three months with an average of 15 volunteers. On the April session more plug plants were planted and several areas on both reserves cleared including an alcove alongside the circular path on Alexandrina Plantation. In May we cleared the bridle path and checked all main paths for overgrowing vegetation. We also sowed seed on the Thoresby Rd wildflower area as soon as the area had been rotovated which was two weeks after the working session. By June weeds were growing at a pace so the priority was to clear all the minor paths on both reserves. As always litter was collected each month.

NEXT WORKING SESSION DATES: AUG 7, SEPT 4, OCT 2 and NOV 6.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last newsletter we have been joined by two D of E students, Isobel Donnelly and Emily Davis. They are both very welcome and we hope they enjoy working with us.