



## FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

### WORKING SESSIONS REPORT MARCH to MAY 2024

In March there were 11 members taking part and the majority of the morning was used to plant a selection of silver birch and elder which had been donated by Broxtowe BC. Someone from Canopy 2050 had also brought a large number of hawthorns and a few yew. Before planting began it was necessary to clear the area on both sides of the hedgerow and the hawthorns were planted in the gaps that have occurred in this hedge on the Markham Road site. The rest of the trees were planted in various places that surround this grassland area.

April saw 9 volunteers attending and this month we concentrated on the Alexandrina Plantation site. The main job was to give the Thoresby Rd wildflower area a final rake over and then sow the annual seed mixture. Some work was done in trying to level the mugwort area near Brookside Avenue. Mud was cleared from the bottom section of the bridle path.

In May there were 8 members turning out. The primroses that were planted several years ago along the hedge bordering the grassland on the Markham Road site had now formed some really large clumps and these were divided and replanted in areas where gaps had appeared and also on both sides of the hedge. Bracken and bramble were cleared around areas alongside where the young trees had been planted in March.

Litter collection was completed on all sessions.

Next working session dates: **June 2, July 7, Aug 4, Sept 1 and Oct 6.**

### BIO BLITZ EVENT ON THE RIDGE?

This is only provisional at the moment but Chris Riley of Broxtowe BC has discussed having a bio blitz event with Notts Wildlife Trust who are apparently keen and willing to provide experts. This could involve starting with a dawn chorus to a bat walk in the evening and plant, bird and butterfly walks during the day. This could be held towards the end of August but when a definite date and more details are known Helene will email everyone.

### NEW MEMBERS

Since the last newsletter we have had three new members, David Forsey, Lynne and Mike Beale, and we extend a very warm welcome to all three.