



# WINTER NEWSLETTER

## FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

### WORKING SESSION REPORT OCTOBER to DECEMBER 2019

Over the final three months of the year we maintained an average of twelve members attending. In October the main job was clearing the bridle path of leaves and other debris plus some minor repairs to the edging of the wildflower area. November saw us repeating the clearance of the bridle path but we were joined by three people from Practical Conservation Volunteers (PCV) and two of our group worked with them in cutting back the scrub that had encroached onto the restored grassland area. Four of our group cut back overhanging shrubs near the entrance from Sandy Lane.

In December two volunteers from PCV came to clear the broom which had completely covered the bank behind Walter's seat and again two of our group assisted them. We also cleared the brambles, bracken etc that had been cut back last month on the grassland area. The usual litter picking was also carried out in all months.

**Next working days are Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>**

### AGM 4<sup>th</sup> November

The notes relating to this meeting are enclosed with this newsletter. As this was a rather special AGM as it marked our 20<sup>th</sup> year, after the formal part of the evening was concluded, it was really appropriate that we were lucky to have Geoff Fewkes to talk to us about how our group came to be formed twenty years ago thanks mainly to his efforts. Geoff now lives near Carlisle where he moved for his job fifteen years ago but he is still very much part of our group and maintains an excellent website for us; he also manages to get down to Nottingham a few times a year and join us on our working days.

After an entertaining and informative talk from Geoff all those members present were able to enjoy a celebratory cake and glass of wine to conclude a special AGM. We also had a display of photographs taken over the last twenty years and a list of our achievements during that time.

