



FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

COVID 19

Even though legal restrictions have now ended I think most of you will agree that we still need to remain cautious, especially as in our area new positive cases are higher than the national average. We should however be able to resume working sessions close to what they were pre-pandemic. From now on we will again be supplying all the tools needed on each session and these will all be sanitised after each session. Working outdoors and keeping a reasonable distance from each other should make this as safe as possible in the present circumstances. **As said in the previous newsletter, we appreciate that everyone's personal circumstances are different so only attend when you feel safe to do so.**

AGM 2021

After having to cancel last year's AGM we have provisionally booked the Memorial Hall for the 2021 AGM on the first Monday of November. Hopefully this year it will be possible to proceed but a final decision will be made nearer the date. With the Memorial Hall being a large hall distancing seating will not be a problem.

WILDFLOWER AREAS The area alongside Thoresby Road is now looking very colourful following the seed we sowed there in May. Sadly the same cannot be said for the area at the entrance from Sandy Lane which was not treated with weed killer nor rotovated. We hope that next year we can persuade the Council to prepare both areas for us. In contrast, the Council's decision to stop mowing the perennial wildflower areas has been very successful and both these areas have been enjoyed by many local people who have commented on the increase and variety of wildflowers.



WORKING SESSIONS REPORT APRIL to JUNE 2021

On a really pleasant sunny morning in April we had a total of eight people attending and ensured that no more than six met together and were socially distanced at all times.

These eight included two people doing their D of E bronze award.

Most of the edging to the path alongside the wildflower area at the Sandy Lane entrance had either rotted or was in poor condition so almost all of this was replaced and the path cleared of weeds.

The rest of the group cleared the numerous saplings that had grown in the two alcoves near the beginning of the main path on the Markham Road site.

In May we had another sunny and warm morning with ten members attending. As the Thoresby Road wildflower area had been rotovated, after a thorough raking we were able to sow the annual seed. Even though the ground was very dry the forecast was for moderate rain the next day and this did arrive which gave the seeds a good chance to survive.

It was cloudy but warm for the June session and ten members turned out. Between us we completed the following tasks:

Gravel keeps getting washed down from the main path on to the road at the top of Sandy Lane so this was swept up and moved to the path alongside the wildflower area where it should also suppress the weed growth.

The whole of the bridle path was swept to clear the accumulated debris.

The minor paths on Alexandrina Plantation all needed attention as the bramble, ferns etc were growing quickly again and these were cleared.

A large tree had collapsed over one of the main paths within Ivy Wood and Brian used his reciprocating saw and other tools to remove this.

On all sessions the usual litter picking was also completed.

As well as these monthly working sessions the two D of E lads have been doing extra work, mainly clearing paths and litter picking.

Future working session dates: Aug 1st, Sept 5th, Oct 3rd and November 7th

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Over the last few months we have gained another four members. They are Ian and Maggie Stevens, Ewan Squire and George Adas. A warm welcome to you all.