



Plantation Newsletter

15th September 2020

This newsletter is later than usual as I wanted to be able to report back to you from the Management Committee meeting today when, among other things, we discussed the implications of the new government 'Rule of 6' for the volunteer activities in the Plantation. We have taken advice on this and, based on the information currently available to us, have agreed that the volunteer sessions can continue because:

- 1). Government guidance states voluntary work is exempt (see www.gov.uk)
- 2) Our risk assessment states we will not work in groups bigger than 6
- 3) It is very rare that we work in groups bigger than 3 or 4 anyway.

We will continue to bring our own refreshments so that we do not need to use the pavilion facilities and will make sure we don't merge into a larger group at break time. This, along with the precautions in the risk assessment and guidelines you have already received, should ensure that we are all safe as well as legal.

Anyway.....returning to non-virus matters.....

Sunday 6th provided us with ideal weather for the first volunteer session of the season– warm and dry. Most of the work was on the two spaces where the bridges had been removed when they became unsafe last winter. We made good progress although the result so far is not the level path we plan to produce in the end. The one near the ponds just covers a dip in the path where water and mud collects. No water ran through there even in the wettest part of last winter, so we are replacing the bridge with an infill of chippings. The one near the Charnwood End was more complicated as water does flow along that channel after a lot of rain. We installed a pipe there, so that water will be able to flow through when it needs to. We plan to have another delivery of chippings so we can complete both jobs at the next Sunday volunteer session. (4th October.)

We also removed brambles and snowberry from the area in front of the seat at the Charnwood End ready for re-seeding that area with wildflowers and removed some snowberry.

Finally, Joan Shaw, one of the longest-standing Plantation supporters, has asked me to let you know about a new publication by the Wolds Historical Organisation (WHO), *People and Places of the Wolds*. Details are in the attached file. It sounds really interesting – looking forward to reading it.

The next volunteer session is on Thursday 17th September.

Best Wishes

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