



## FRIENDS OF BRAMCOTE RIDGE

### GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD: SOME RESPONSES

Following our result announced in July, Norman sent details of this to a couple of local magazines, the Bramcote Today website and to Anna Soubry who sends a regular email newsletter to any of her constituents in Broxtowe who have requested it.

These are a few of the responses we received:

From Steve Carr, Councillor for Beeston North Ward, " Well done to all concerned and thanks for your continued sterling efforts."

From Martin Plackett, Councillor for Bramcote Ward, " Brilliant news! Our thanks to the Friends of Bramcote Ridge for their dedication to looking after these precious areas in Bramcote and much appreciated by Bramcote folk."

From Anna Soubry, MP for Broxtowe, "Congratulations to the Friends of Bramcote Ridge. Credit to the group and their continued hard work and dedication in keeping their green spaces at such a high standard."

As well as these, and equally important, were the many positive comments made to us by regular users of our two reserves and from Broxtowe Borough Council officials.

### WILDFLOWER AREAS

When the last newsletter was issued in early July we were still in a period of prolonged drought and very hot weather. We mentioned then our disappointment in the area at the Sandy Lane entrance although we did report that the new area created alongside the pavement on Thoresby Road had a good number of cornflowers growing successfully. This section did in fact continue to get better and better and is still, at the end of September, a mass of different shades of pinks (Cosmos), orange (Tithonia) and some red (Zinnias). We know these have been much admired by passers-by who have often stopped to have a closer look at them. They are also easily seen by passing motorists.

When the rains finally came even the Sandy Lane entrance seedlings sprang into life although their growth remains quite stunted and has nowhere near the variety of colour that the Thoresby Road site has. It is difficult to believe that both sites were sown with the same seed mixture on the same day in May. We shall certainly be using this seed mixture next year when we hope to enlarge the site on Thoresby Road.

At the end of this newsletter are two photographs which were taken about five weeks apart; I think you will agree these show the success of this seed mixture.

## **UNWANTED TOOLS**

The last newsletter mentioned this and even though a large number of tools has already been collected I have since found out that this is an ongoing project with no time limit. Just to remind you therefore, if you have any unwanted tools you wish to donate please contact Paul Burrows at [p.burrows37@ntlworld.com](mailto:p.burrows37@ntlworld.com) who will arrange collection.

## **WORKING SESSIONS REPORT JULY TO SEPTMBER 2018**

We have had sunny and warm mornings for all these last three sessions. In July we had 12 volunteers and the majority of the group worked on clearing many of the overgrown smaller paths that the Council does not deal with. A fairly large sycamore tree was cut down and cleared as was a dead hawthorn tree that had collapsed onto "The Devil's Steps". August saw 11 volunteers and the jobs included putting up the six new Green Flag certificates, clearing another two overgrown paths, clearing broom from the perennial wildflower area and removing overhanging branches on the bridle path and at the entrance to the reserve. September saw us installing another step on the path leading from the viewpoint down to Brookside Avenue, a dead hawthorn (bridle path) was cut down and the paths around Brookside Ave were cleared. Litter collections were completed in all three months.

**Our next working session dates: 4th November, 2nd December, 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March.**

