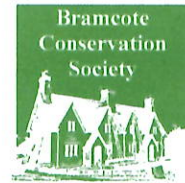


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## BRAMCOTE CONSERVATION SOCIETY (BCS)

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2019

#### Bluebells for Brambles.

Allan Foster has made and sold Bird Boxes on behalf of BCS and from the proceeds bought bluebell bulbs and snowdrops which have been planted within Bluebell woods.



**Orders for Bird Boxes are still available for purchase direct from Allan (Mob: 07522485072)**

Money raised helps to buy further quantities of English Bluebells.

#### Bluebell Wood:

This year Allan planted an area with 100 English bluebells within the woods and with additional volunteers we can

undertake more extensive bulb planting going forward.

**Volunteers should contact Allan direct.**



**Bluebell Woods and the University:** Allan Foster hosted a walk to and through Bluebell Woods again this year with a new group of University Students (MSc in Biological Photography and Imaging) along with their lecturer Tom Hartman. We have an excellent relationship with Tom and would like to see the University promote these woods with all their students for pleasure and increased academic usage. Bluebell Woods has "permissive access", which gives us all the opportunity to walk the walks and enjoy the woods responsibly. We need to continue to protect our Natural Rural Arboretum from misuse and anti-social behaviour and oppose any possible development thus sustaining a much loved Bluebell Wood and local legacy of which we can all be proud.

#### Moss Drive Footpath Closure:

This year, as last year, and the year before! We all continue to be inconvenienced with the on-going closure of the Moss Drive route to Bramcote Woods by LawnsCo which deliberately prevents all pedestrian access over a route that has been used by the public for in excess of 50 years.



Our application for a definitive map modification order is ongoing with NCC Planning and Licensing Committee and is being progressed by Neil Lewis from the Right of Way Team. I would like to give my personal thanks to Steve and Chris everyone for their ongoing support.



Steve will continue to update our membership on the momentum of progress or lack thereof. We now need our local County Councillor Steve Carr to use his influence and help us to continue to exert pressure working positively with County Councillor Barnfather, as the County Council seems to be dragging its feet.

**"Hello, I came across an article during an internet search of the Bluebell woods -that mentioned restricted access. I am hoping to scatter my mum's ashes in the Bluebell woods as that was her dying wish. She lived in Bramcote through her childhood during the war and had so many fond memories of the woods. Will I be able to gain access by footpath? Hopefully you can answer my question. Thank you Lisa McCullagh."**

On November 2nd this year Allan and I have offered to guide Lisa and her brother to and through Bluebells



Woods to a private location of their choice. They are coming over especially from Ireland to scatter the ashes of their late mother within her beloved Bluebell Woods. **Such a pity the easy Moss Drive footpath route past the Lawns remains closed off for pedestrian access!**

**Bramcote Memorial  
Crosses placement at the  
Memorial Hall:**

Allan Foster made 15 x named replica crosses that we were able to stake on the hillside during the Centenary Year to honour and in memory of those Bramcote villagers who did not return.

The 15 x Bramcote Memorial Crosses were later displayed at the frontage of the Memorial Hall from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October and remained in place until Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November.



Our sincere thanks to Bramcote Cougars Cub Leaders John Worthington and Steve Bradshaw who agreed to help erect the display and for the young cubs who placed a poppy on each of the named Crosses to teach the next generation about the 15 and in whose honour the Memorial Hall was built.

The Trustees of the Memorial Hall clearly advised us that the placement was to be considered a one-off for the Centenary Year only.

We have asked them to confirm their position for this year.