



BRAMCOTE CONSERVATION SOCIETY (BCS)

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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.



Bird Boxes are available for purchase direct from Allan (Mob: 07522485072). Money raised helps to buy Bluebell bulbs, snowdrops, etc.



Bluebell Wood Conservation

Volunteering Projects: It is hoped to re-establish and restore more areas of bluebells if we can undertake more extensive bulb planting going forward.

Volunteers wishing to help should contact Allan. We are still committed to a community project to improve and give better safer access to the paths in and around Bluebell Woods.

Remembrance Mural on the Reservoir Wall:

To also Commemorate the Centenary of the ending of WW1 Bramcote Conservation Society member Christine Dilks painted a Remembrance Mural of Poppies on the reservoir wall.

Our thanks to Chris and her helpers. It is a fitting and respectful mural that is wonderfully uplifting to those that walk this route on a daily basis.



Stream of Poppies: We were disappointed that our vision to see a Stream of Poppies cascading down the hillside within King George V Park did not flower, despite two attempts to reseed the prepared area by Broxtowe Borough Councils Parks Department (BBC). This photo shows how it should have looked as it successfully flowered at the park in Kimberley. However the excellent turnout in April and then again on July 1st for the Remembrance Service in the Park more than made up for our initial disappointment.



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



Moss Drive Footpath Closure: This year, as last year, 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.

We had hoped our positive meeting with the owners earlier this year might have resulted in the Moss Drive route being open to pedestrians via a kissing gate, but to date we have heard nothing more from them on this suggested solution. Our application for a definitive map modification order is ongoing with NCC Planning and Licensing Committee and is currently being progressed by Neil Lewis from the Right of Way Team. I would like to give my personal thanks to everyone for their ongoing support and will continue to update our membership on the momentum of progress.



King George V Park consultation and BCS design input ideas.

As a Society we have put forward our own positive suggestions to propose a better layout and usage for King George V Park including new children's play areas and tree pollarding to minimise leaf drop and improve natural light to the adjacent properties.

Protection of Bramcote Green Belt: The greatest threat to our area currently is the desire by Broxtowe Borough Council to remove large swathes of our parkland and greenbelt to build additional housing in Bramcote. The numbers Bramcote is expected to swallow are simply too much. We must continue to protect our precious Greenbelt.



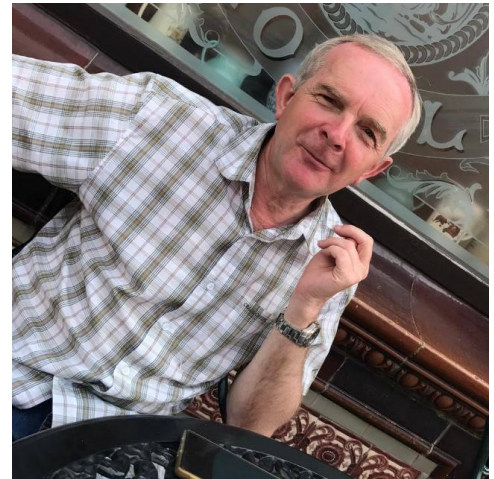
Planning applications within our Conservation Area: We consider each and every application on their own merits and object only to those that might adversely impact on our existing local Greenbelt and those protected greenspaces within Bramcote Ward and our Conservation Area.

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 Wood and local legacy of which we can all be proud.

In Memory: As you may be aware our very good Friend and longstanding Treasurer Tony Smith died unexpectedly whilst on holiday in Turkey in September. I wish to record our thanks to Tony for his many years of devoted service to Bramcote Conservation Society. We will miss him greatly.

E-mail address and contact details: If you haven't already, could you please furnish us with your e-mail address so that we might be able to communicate better with our ever changing membership and so that we can update our database of members.

Membership: Membership remains at only £5.00 single or £8.00 per couple payable April each year. New members are most welcome. Please encourage friends/family to join and anyone who might be new to the area.



To make it easier members are now able to pay their BCS Renewal subscriptions online by Bank Transfer (sort code: 40-19-15, account number 62739275, giving your surname and house number as the reference, for example “GREER 51”). Please contact Rob Greer if you require help or still wish to pay your subscription renewal by cheque. Cheques can be dropped off in an envelope at 51, Town Street, Bramcote Village, NG9 3HH.

On behalf of BCS I thank our Committee for all their help and support.

Merry Christmas and My Very Best Wishes to you all for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

Rob.

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