

Friends of the Millennium Green Newsletter

February 2017

A short update to keep you informed of events and actions on the Millennium Green in Clifton Campville.

The coppice on the Millennium Green is now growing up rapidly. Taking advice from Gareth Hare, Arboriculture Officer for Lichfield District Council, the Trustees have started to implement a management plan for the woodland. The intention is to keep the coppice healthy and attractive to wildlife, neither too overgrown, nor too regimented.

You may have seen some of us hard at work - several specific jobs are being carried out this Winter.

- Cherry trees produce lots of suckers. We have removed hundreds of various shapes and sizes to stop the wood being overrun.
- There are over 70 hazels in the wood. About 1/3 have been coppiced. Hazels benefit from coppicing and will rapidly start to produce new healthy growth. Unwanted low branches from other species have also been removed.
- Dead, sickly, and overcrowded trees have been felled to give growing space for healthier specimens.
- The cutting work is now done. The main task now is to deal with the debris, which will be completed over a period of time.

Later in the year the coppice will be inspected whilst the trees are in full leaf. This will make it easier to identify trees by variety, and assess where the canopy is so dense it is killing weaker specimens. Spaces for replacement trees will also be identified.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout the year - we are particularly grateful to our Phantom Strimmers. If you can spare an hour or so to help please contact Clive on 373352

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 31st May 2017 at 7.30pm - Annual General Meeting of the Coneyberry Millennium Green Trust in the Village Hall. Come along and learn about what the Trustees have been doing, tell us your views, ask questions and make suggestions.

Saturday 10th June 2017 11am till late – Country Fair All proceeds go towards the local community including the maintenance and improvements to the Millennium Green, the Village Hall and the Church. Details are on the village website and on Facebook.

For more information about the Trust and its work please speak to one of the Millennium Green Trustees.

The current Trustees are:

John Bainbridge, Clive Boydell, Steve Bradley, Liz Ellis, Debbie Fulbrook, David Lodge, Bob Patchett, Steve Plimmer, Lorna Robinson, Sue Wadham