



AUGUST 1997

Hi Everyone,

What a successful meeting last month; 14 members dug 600 holes ready for our planting days. Sandra and I have been brushcutting the area and have made an appreciable difference to the appearance although there is still quite a lot to be done. We will be planting from 10 - 4 on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th next month and we will have the help of 2 cub groups.

I hope you will also support Green Up Day on the following Sunday 14th Sept. when we will plant "pretty flowers" at Monkman St where we cleared and put in shrubs last year.

We are now ready for the tree survey to go ahead. Gosta has divided the Ridge into 8 areas and has printed a guide to help volunteers. It is a pleasant group/family activity for a sunny day and doesn't all have to be done at any one time. Help can be given to start you off so please think about it.

It all seems to be please help this month. There is a possibility of cattle being introduced again onto the Ridge if the exotic grasses are considered to pose a fire threat this summer. Now we have our brush cutters we are in a position to do something about it so PLEASE if you have an hour to spare in the day time or after work come out and help make this possibility less of a probability. Phone me up and I'll bring the machine; You need to wear strong footwear, we have all the other necessities.

September is going to be a busy month as we have also planned the AGM for then; we are going to try a Friday evening to see if we get more people attend. Friday 19th September has been chosen. All positions will be declared vacant but don't stay away in case you are "Joed" as there are people willing to fill them all. We will have a supper interval and then a normal meeting. PLEASE COME, we do need your ideas and comments.

Our Friday group has now expanded to include mothers and babies; Alcina is back working with us and brings along Tashi, while new member Nikki comes with Phillipa.

There will be a change to our forward programme. October is not a good time for native grasses so Leon will take us on a grass identification walk at the end of November. Bruce has offered to lead a bird walk also in November so that will be a wonderful way to end the year's activities. The October meeting will now probably be tidying up the plantations around the old dam, pulling up oats and brush cutting phalaris.

We will be having the annual art and craft sale in late October/ early November so keep some Christmas present buying for then.

Could caretakers please let me have their hours by the end of the month.

P.T.O.

Statistics for July:-

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| Hours | 251 |
| Woody weeds | 255 |
| Herbaceous weeds | 16120 |
| Planted Trees & shrubs | 128 |
| Herbaceous plants | - |
| Grasses | 20 |

Dates to Remember:

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| Saturday 6th September | 10 - 4) Planting |
| Sunday 7th September | 10 - 4) Darrell Place |
| Sunday 14th September | 10 - 4 Green Up Day at Monkman St |
| Friday 19th September | 7.15 committee |
| | 7.30 AGM at 21 Ordell St Chapman |

Cheers
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