

Friends of Emroyd

Improving Our Local Environment

Newsletter 30

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Hi Everyone

Although it has been a quiet summer holiday period for the Friends, the onset of the hedge laying and planting season means things are stirring again for us in Emroyd. The Management Group hope that we can continue to count on the enthusiastic involvement of those of you who have helped in the past and, of course, we welcome new faces and hands as it is going to be a busy Autumn.

The big news is that earlier in the year we identified location on the Thornhill Road side of the wood which could accommodate more trees and, following an application to the Woodland Trust, we have 300 very small (I hope) saplings arriving in November.

Forthcoming work Sessions

Before dealing with the new trees we have two Sunday morning sessions (10am-12 midday) identified on:

Sunday 29 September

For both sessions meet at the bottom gate to the meadow area at 10am

Sunday 13 October

Work will continue to finish the hedge laying at the bottom of the Avenue, preparation of the tree planting area; preparation of an area for the horse memorial seat at the top of the Avenue and clearance of the area around John's Seat. There is plenty to do.

Summer Catch-up

Firstly, I am sure you are all aware that June saw the completion of Phase 2 of track work. Phase two has provided a new track down the western side of the wood which now gives us a complete $\frac{3}{4}$ mile circuit of all-weather track around the wood, with the existing track across the centre providing the option of shorter circuits. Thanks are due to Trish Hattersley and Sue Earnshaw (Parish clerk) for their diligent work in providing the necessary details for the grant application - and of course thanks to the WREN and SUEZ Environmental Funds for their generous support. Both these funds are generated via the Landfill Communities Fund, from local landfill waste operations.

Secondly, at the April meeting of the Management Group, Linda Webster stepped down as Chair of the Group. Linda has been Chair of the Friends since its inception in 2015 and her enthusiasm, drive and leadership have been an invaluable factor in realising our achievements to date. **Thank you, Linda.** Fortunately, we are not losing her completely as she has indicated she will continue to contribute as a 'foot soldier'.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make them at the Work Sessions.

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Chair of Friends of Emroyd group

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