

Friends of Emroyd

Improving Our Local Environment

Newsletter 4

As you will be aware from newsletter 3 the friends have organised two work sessions in the evenings of Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 15th July from 7pm to 9pm primarily to pick Himalayan balsam. Following a site visit some areas have been identified which would benefit from it being picked. I think everyone will agree it is out of control in Emroyd together with a number of other green areas in the parish.

The areas we can work on will be:

- *Where existing wild flowers can flourish if it is removed or thinned
- *small areas can be removed before it spreads further
- *removal of stalks around the pond area.

It will be great if we can see as many Friends there as possible to help and also get the opportunity to talk about the plans and priorities the management group are working on. There will be two meeting points. One will be the cemetery gates as usual and one at the entrance at Nell Gap Lane. Please arrive there for 6.45 at either meeting point so we can walk into Emroyd and all meet at 7pm to commence the pick. Please be aware if the weather warms up there will no doubt be midges so cover up and it could be thirsty work so bring your refreshments. We will aim to finish for 9pm. Friends of Emroyd attend the Sitlington development group of the Parish Council and we are pleased to see

- A report which will inform the maintenance and developments around the pond will be available in July
- The condition of the path near the cemetery has been brought to the attention of the district council in the first instance as it is a statutory right of way. The Parish Council is keen to ensure all the paths into Emroyd are accessible so it can be used by everyone in the parish and the Friends of Emroyd will be monitoring the situation closely.
- Maintenance of the meadow area will continue to take place in order to continue with the plans for additional routes around the area and the erection of the two war memorials.

It was nice to see people at the village gala engaging with the work the Friends have started to do in Emroyd and we hope more people will come forward at the events we hold to help with the improvements we are hoping to make.

**SEE YOU ON TUESDAY 30 JUNE AND
WEDNESDAY 15 JULY
AT 6.45 pm**