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It was nice to see some new faces at the work sessions in June and July and on the guided walk, which Maurice Woodhead kindly undertook on Wednesday 29 July 2015. It shows there is growing local interest in the maintenance and development of Emroyd which the Parish Council and the Friends are working on. The Friends were successful in obtaining a grant from the Middlestown Village Gala committee and a big thank you for £300 to help us with purchasing incidentals, equipment and help with future funding bids.

We are now on Facebook so join the group and you will be able to see what the Friends are up to. The newsletter will still remain the main form of communication but Facebook will enable us to capture immediate pictures of actions being taken for all to see.

The Friends, together with people who walk Emroyd, have made an impact in removing Himalayan balsam in some areas. Specifically work was done around the pond area in preparation for improvements to the pond. Hopefully we can build on this in future years and review the impact we had on what is an ongoing issue for green spaces in the parish.

Throughout the summer the Friends have continued to work towards improvements for Emroyd and from the Sitlington Development Group of the Parish Council on 17 August are pleased to report the following for your information:

- Pond report (to fill in after meeting)
- The conservation volunteers will continue to support the work being carried out
- Highfield School will continue to help develop the area adjacent to the entrance at the bottom of Thornhill Road which will include putting up bird boxes and developing nursery areas.
- (something about meeting with the district council about the access routes and new route development)
- Project plan (something about it being accessible on website after the next parish council meeting).

Once again we are asking for feedback and ideas from people within the parish about Emroyd. We are putting regular articles in Coxley News and the community news column in the Wakefield Express so please let us know your thoughts.

Friends of Emroyd