

Newsletter...

February 2010

Loggerheads
Pickers and
Planters

Planting this year

Our first major programme of planting starts this month and extends into March. There are three main areas of tree and shrub planting. The first is around the "Bug Hut" bus shelter, another on a steep slope facing Mucklestone Road, and another upgrading the shrub planting at Reynard's Rise/Fox Hollow.

This has been made possible by a £540 grant from the Parish Council, who have also continued to provide £500 for the village centre baskets. The Parish Council has supported our successful bid of £260 from the Borough Council's Community Chest. This will pay for brightening up the area around the village sign as you come in on the Mucklestone Road. As well this will fund more litter picking sticks and a pilot project aiming to bring extra flowers to every street, mainly around street signs.

Longer Term Plans

For next year -hopefully- we are preparing more ambitious plans, especially in the village centre and the new village signs that we have been promised for some time. John Hainsworth has got Rees Heath College interested in giving us some ideas for the village centre.

We will need a lot more money to achieve these plans, and more supporters. Funds are building up nicely. Hazel Wilshaw organised our first Christmas Quiz which has raised £85. We have also received £488 from the recent Santa's Sleigh, one third of the profits going to our friends in "Bloomin' Ashley".

A Quiz Night in aid of our funds is being held at "The Loggerheads" on Saturday 27th February at 9pm. Can you please supply a Raffle prize, and let me know if you want to join our team.

Litter Picking etc midweek? Dilys wonders whether some mid week activities might be more convenient with so many of us being retired. We are tying it out with some planting sessions first. Let us know what you think.

Litter disposal. When you have collected litter you may, understandably, be reluctant to sort it for recycling. We have contacted the council on this and they say this should be no problem if you put a note on your bin saying "mixed waste from village litter pick."

Barn Dance. A joint event is being planned for 17th April with the nature reserve team. We aim to hold it in the Memorial Hall, and will have a live band. Please come.