

Friends of Red House Ramble Newsletter November 2019

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The Friends of Red House Ramble was formed to help improve, develop & maintain the land running north/west & then west from the Red House Pub to Red House Drive



Autumn Planting

- ❖ Schools: Year 5 Magpies came from Wellfield and helped us plant daffodils, snowdrops and bluebells at the entrance to the plantation, on the ramp by the grassy area and alongside the newly refurbished path between Caseton and Melbury.



- ❖ Year 3 from Southridge have come out in groups of twelve which is much more manageable! They planted bulbs along the path between Haddington and the flats, around the copse by the Red House Farm pub and along the path by the car park, as well as primroses on the pathways and in the entrance to the plantation. Betony was planted under the trees and hedges.



- ❖ Many thanks to members Lynn Brown, Val Smith, Tom Savage and Carolyn Eaton for giving Cheryl and the children a helping hand.

Working in Partnership

- ❖ Now you see it, now you don't! We have campaigned for thirteen months for BT to do something about the derelict phone box at the back of the pub. Endless phone calls, a trail of emails and finally it has gone, and the land has been seeded with grass.



- ❖ We have also persevered with the resurfacing of the path between Caseton and Melbury. It was in our first work schedule that the council would repair the path. Our councillors have also played their part by ensuring that it was kept near the top of the list. Finally, it has been done and to a very high standard...so thank you NTC!



Community

- ❖ **Our Christmas Social this year will be held in the Red House Farm Pub on 7th December from 7.00pm.** There will be a prize for the best Christmas jumper, should you choose to wear one! Tombola prizes please!
- ❖ The Christmas lights will be put on the trees in the Plantation on 1st December so please come along at 15:30 to see them switched on.
- ❖ What are we doing this Autumn?
 - We have cut back and reduced the hedge between the flats and Haddington which will encourage new growth and 'knit' the hedge line together.
 - We have planted 2500 bulbs and 200 plug plants to enhance more areas of the Ramble.
 - We will be planting 120 sapling hedge plants with Sainsbury staff as part of their 150 years celebration.
 - We will reduce other hedge lines, coppice suitable trees & remove saplings where they are misplaced.
 - Log and chipping paths: replace any small logs and put another layer of chippings down.
- ❖ Can you spare some time to help? We have a small band of dedicated workers but many hands make light work! We meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10.00-12.00pm.