

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 78
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Hi Everyone,

It's that part of the year when we ask you if you are re-newing your membership for 2000? If you decide that you no longer have anything to offer we thank you for past help and trust you will enjoy using the Ridge and viewing our handiwork in the future.

Caretakers will find report forms attached. We do ask you to fill them in however briefly as they do add to our historical records. Please return papers to 21 Ordell St Chapman or fax 62887536.

This years Committee was re-elected unopposed at the AGM; however we did say that we would like other people to consider nominating next year. The Group will be 10 years old in April 2001 and as most of the Committee have held their positions for the life of the Group it would be a good time for an infusion of new blood and ideas. At the meeting following the AGM it was decided to revert to a 1.30pm start for our monthly meetings. It was felt that the social part of the meeting was diluted by having people come and go at different times. I am usually on the Ridge with my week-end workers from 8.30am so anyone wanting to come early will find us there.

We had a few ideas for what to do at next years meetings but would welcome any more suggestions. We would particularly welcome people offering to become "caretakers" of a patch on the Ridge. It could be as small as you like but, from the experience of current caretakers, you would find it very rewarding.

We managed to dig out several thousand thistles at last months meeting as well as 200 woody weeds.

Our sale was quite successful, the bad weather on the Saturday seemed to deter people as David had only 5 customers. We added \$688 to our coffers.

Please remember to give me your hours at the end of the month. This month we will be weeding the grasses we planted in the autumn in the largest plantation, come to Titheradge Place and walk up to the fire trail then through the gate and down towards the old dam.

Statistics for October :-

Hours	On Ridge	417	(153 of these were whipper-snipping)
	Off Ridge	97	
	Total	514	
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		562	
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		19572	
Trees and shrubs planted		0	
Herbaceous plants planted		0	
Grasses planted		37	

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 21st November

Monthly working meeting 1.30 -4 Titheradge Place & walk to plantation beyond fire trail.

Mondays, Fridays or weekends - phone to see where we are and join us.

Cheers

Bess (62887536)