

Chellaston Brickworks Local Nature Reserve

The hard work pays off!

While most of us put away our gardening tools at this time of year, the Friends of Chellaston Brickworks Local Nature Reserve are hard at work throughout the winter. They are carrying out a variety of tasks, to ensure that during the spring and summer months the reserve is alive with wildflowers and butterflies and with 29 acres to care for there is always plenty to keep everyone busy. The Friends group is extremely grateful for all the work carried out by the Derby Parks' Volunteer group. It is this group which has been working on the programme to upgrade and repair the paths and steps, work which will continue later this year.

Once again, all this hard work has paid off and for the second year running the reserve was awarded a Community Green Flag by Keep Britain Tidy. Without the work carried out by the volunteers this lovely, tranquil corner of Chellaston would not be there for us all to enjoy not only now but for years to come.



If you enter the reserve via Bensley Close (near the Scout Hut), you will have noticed the smart new noticeboard which has been installed at the edge of the car park. At the moment it has a temporary poster showing some of the species you can find in the area but a permanent information poster is being designed and this will provide more information in the future.

The "Friends" is a small group of volunteers who carry out regular work parties to help maintain and enhance this lovely area. Everyone is welcome to join the task sessions regardless of age, ability or knowledge.

For more information visit: www.chellaston-nature-reserve.co.uk



Friends of Chellaston Library

We have been asked to clarify the purpose of the Friends of Chellaston Library as the description given in the January bulletin did not properly describe the group's aims. These are, amongst others, to support and encourage the use of the library and to endeavour to ensure that the library service is sustained. In the previous article we stated that the "Friends" were formed as a result of the City Council's desire to move to community management of libraries. This is not the case and in fact the group was formed from residents who were involved at the planning stage of the library and wanted to have a continuing involvement with it. We apologise for this misrepresentation. The full statement of the Friends' aims may be found on their Facebook page.

CRA's AGM and Forum

Please make a note of the date – **Saturday March 16, 10.30 am at the Bowls Club** - access from Swarkestone Road by car (hopefully) or from Station Road on foot. All Residents welcome!