

The Kings Clipstone Project

Reviving the royal heart of ancient Sherwood

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Kings Clipstone disappears – the Council says it doesn't exist. (yet another reason why we need a strong campaigning Friends group)

All we had been trying to do was get the name of the village sorted out on the postcode database. It came as a shock to find that Newark and Sherwood Council have never changed the name. According to their planning department 'street naming section' all our properties are in Clipstone.

We can't understand why the Council has dragged its feet over this. Kings Clipstone has the potential to be a very strong brand emphasising its' royal connection.

We have now officially asked for the name to be changed on the database. It isn't going to be quick because the Council will have to write to all those affected seeking their views and it will need two thirds to say yes for the name change to be accepted.

We've officially asked for these changes
The village Old Clipstone to Kings Clipstone
Cavendish Park Clipstone to Kings Clipstone

**Not sending the form back
counts as a NO vote**

**We are going to have to campaign hard to ensure that enough
forms are returned – can you help collect the replies in ?**

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The Maun Valley Alliance

The Maun Valley between Mansfield and Edwinstowe is a vital part of the Sherwood Forest Special Landscape Area, sited as it is between the fractured parts of Sherwood Forest. If Sherwood is once again to become an iconic forest then it is essential that action is taken to protect and restore the Maun Valley running right through its heart.

The Friends of Kings Clipstone, The Mansfield Woodhouse Society and Edwinstowe Historical Society have come together to form the Maun Valley Alliance. Our aim is to fight for a better deal for this very important area and to campaign across local government boundaries.

We've already seen some progress on our campaign to save what is left of the Flood Dykes. On 12th January, Dr Jonathon Hillman, Senior Water Specialist at the Mansfield based company Scott Wilson and Adam Goodall from the Sherwood Forest Trust along with Steve Parkhouse and Tony Barton (Chairman of the Mansfield Woodhouse Society) spent half a day inspecting the remains of the Flood Dykes and water meadows in Kings Clipstone and discussing possibilities. We have a follow up meeting arranged for early February when water meadow expert Dr Hadrian Cook of Harnham Water Meadows Trust, Hampshire and one of the County Council's senior archaeologists will also be present, with the aim of drawing up an action plan,
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Sponsor a nest box or bat box in Intake Wood - £5.00

Conifer woods like Intake Wood are always short of nesting sites and places for bats to roost. The Friends of Kings Clipstone are planning to put up nest boxes and bat boxes in the wood, will you help by sponsoring a box for £5.00. Meanwhile we are steadily picking up members who want to be involved in looking after the wood, with our first members joining from the Clipstone side of the wood.

Phil Beard, Parks Manager for the Council, wants to arrange a general clear up once the weather turns warmer and the builders rubbish has been removed. Steve has been and seen the builders – they blamed each other but Wheeldons agreed to remove the rubbish from the corner near the path through to Forest Road. Gleasons are probably going to provide a skip for another part of the wood.

Would you be willing to help?

Local history guides now available

If you want to find out about the interesting places in and around the village our first two publications are now available.

Guide to the royal heart of ancient Sherwood – the history of the parish, this includes a very useful parish map showing the paths and all the interesting places.

Then and Now –the village trail – Old photos of some of the interesting properties in the village and the people who lived in them.

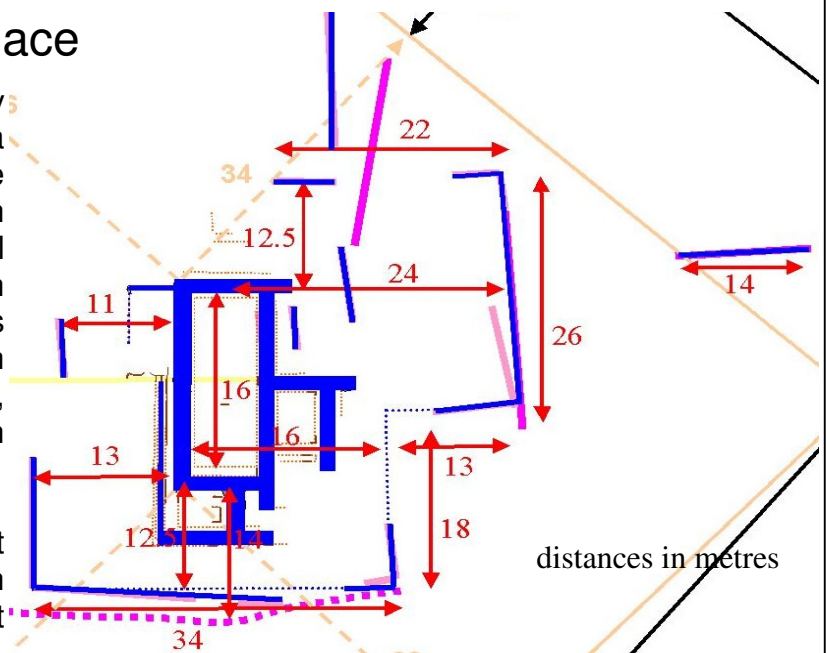
Copies obtainable from Mickie's Farm Shop or from Steve. Each booklet costs £2.00, with all the money going to fund the Friends of Kings Clipstone.

The Palace really was a palace

Even though the geophysics survey done 2 years ago was restricted to a small part of the site, it is clear from the results that the ruins you can see in Castle Field represent only a small portion of the original buildings. With stabling for 200 horses, the palace was the only unfortified royal residence north of the Chilterns. Neither a hunting lodge, or a castle, the complex of buildings can justifiably be described as a palace.

A more recent survey has shown that the remains this unique structure are in danger of collapse. One of the first things the Kings Clipstone Project did

was to persuade the County Council to start a study to determine what could be done and what it would cost.



Meanwhile we are planning a viewing day for Easter Monday to explain the potential of the whole of the site.

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