

The Kings Clipstone Project

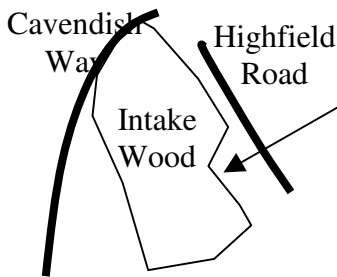
Reviving the royal heart of ancient Sherwood

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The big clean up of Intake Wood



Saturday March 10th – 9.15am

Meet on the playing field behind Highfield Road

- Please bring heavy gardening gloves if you have them, the Council will have some gloves available.
- Child protection rules mean that anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- If the weather is bad ring 822321 to check the arrangements.

A message for the dumpers – there is no excuse

There has been another rash of illegal dumping of rubbish – the worst load was on Archway Road where a pickup truck had dumped beds and other household furniture.

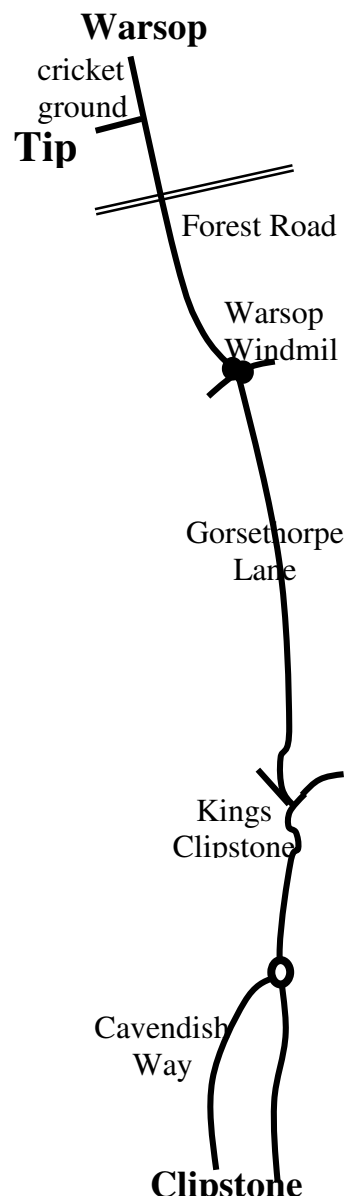
For those who don't know we have a choice of two recycling/disposal sites.

Oakfield Lane, Warsop is probably the best because the queues are shorter. The map shows how to get there. They have compostable garden waste recycling skips.

Kestrel Road, Off Hermitage Lane, Mansfield - it has the advantage that you don't have to carry the rubbish up a ramp but expect to queue.

Large household items – Newark & Sherwood offer a bargain £10.00 collection service for up to six items too big for your bin. – tele 01636 650000

If the items are good enough to be recycled try the Ollerton Furniture Project. - tele 01623 836410



Do you have a community event taking place ?

We can help you get the message out, the Clipstone Village newsletter goes to 1400 homes, the Kings Clipstone edition to 450. Contact Steve to make the arrangements.

But we do still need help to deliver in Clipstone

Can you afford 30 to 40 minutes of gentle exercise once a month to make sure Clipstone Village gets a newsletter ? All we need is about another 5 delivers in Clipstone to complete the team.

£50,000 to a small village – what could we get?

Elston, a small village of just 275 households near Newark, has just been awarded £50,000 of lottery money for a similar, but much smaller project to ours. We wish them well with their project but it does show that there is money out there to make worthwhile schemes happen.

Now over 80 ‘Friends of Kings Clipstone’

Meet friendly people from all sorts of backgrounds.

Help to protect the local environment.

Save our historically important sites.

Join the history group

Walking/cycling group

Thanks to everyone who sponsored a nest box or bat box, we have put up over 20 tit/sparrow boxes and 6 bat boxes.

Be involved as little or as much as you want – most important thing is to join to show your support for the improvement project.

The Water Meadows – save the Flood Dykes campaign

On Monday, February 5th we had a gathering of experts to consider what to do about the Flood Dykes. Dr Hadrian Cook, from the Harnham Water Meadow Trust in Salisbury, confirmed the importance of the system. It was the most successful example of a catchwork irrigation system in the country and is of European significance because of its scale. He was very impressed by the remains still to be found in the Dog & Duck meadow.

The way forward seems to be to start by finding the funds to restore the surface features of the meadow. This would give us something positive to show potential funders or agencies in order to get water back into the meadow. We also decided to propose a Flood Dyke Way from Mansfield to Edwinstowe.

Every single one of our visitors/officials all have been amazed by what our parish has to offer.

The early industrial revolution (17th Century)

If visitors take a walk round Clipstone parish today it is hard to believe that it had a role to play in the very early part of the industrial revolution. There had long been a mill where the outfall from the Great Pond of Clipstone met the Maun. On the 23rd November 1220 Henry II, whilst at Winchester, directed his Exchequer to reckon with Philip Mark, sheriff, for the sum of £7 0s 8d that he spent on repairs to the great dam and mill and to the pale about the King's Houses. By the early 1600 this had become a fullers mill (cloth).

During the middle part of the 17th century the iron industry began to grow rapidly with the introduction of the blast furnace. Iron was smelted in areas where iron ore, limestone and charcoal were available such as Derbyshire. The pig iron produced was impure and brittle. Before it could be used it needed to be reheated to a high temperature and then hammered repeatedly to force out the carbon impurities. Village blacksmiths did this on a small scale, but large commercial operations needed a good supply of charcoal and waterpower for the hammer and bellows. The records mention a number of forges and slitting mills along the Maun. A 20 year period during and immediately after the Civil Wars saw most of the timber including the fencing and many of the great oaks in Clipstone Park turned into charcoal. Around Forge Bridge on Archway Road lumps of slag can be found in the fields and aerial photographs show what is probably charcoal stains in the ground.

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