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Patron: Her Majesty The Queen
NEW MILTON & DISTRICT BRANCH

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Town Clerk
New Milton Town Council
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18th November 2020

Re: Colonel G. Wheeler, VC

Dear Sir:

On behalf of our local Branch committee I am writing to ask that the Town Council give consideration and agree to relocate the presently isolated informative tablet on Colonel Wheeler to a position adjacent to his plaque. This really would be a more sensible siting, indicating to those seeing the plaque why he is remembered.

In making this request we have the full support of representatives of SSAFA, the Milton Heritage Society and New Milton Residents' Association, as well as from many interested members of the community.

We strongly feel that such a move would be welcomed and, at the same time, make a more meaningful statement as to the Colonel's heroism.

The Branch also supports the Milton Heritage Society's proposal for erection of an Information Board within the War Memorial area.

Yours faithfully,

P G Jepsen

P.G.H. Jepsen, Brigadier (Retd.)
Branch President

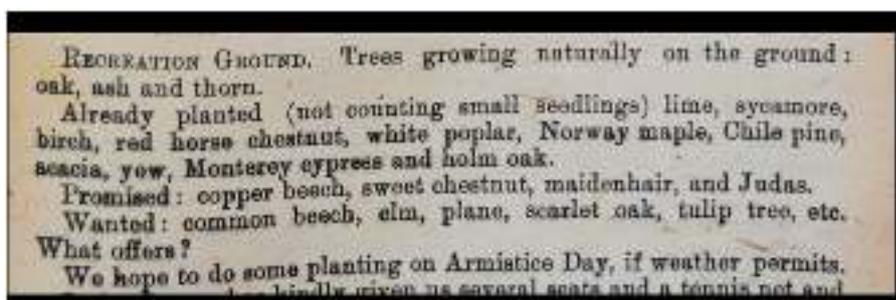
NEW MILTON HERITAGE TREES

RECREATION GROUND



The Reverend Kelsall was the Rector of Milton Parish from 1897 to 1924. He was keen on wildlife and conservation, as well as being responsible for the planting of trees on the Recreation Ground and other locations around town.

Nick Saunders has researched parish magazines and found this excerpt dated October 1920. It lists what trees were already growing on the Recreation Ground and what had been planted. Also listed are the promised and wanted trees.



Using this list and referring to the NFDC Tree Inspection Register of our trees on the Recreation Ground I have put together the following table. Notable trees include the Jubilee Holm Oak on the corner opposite the Firestation and a veteran Oak growing in the corner near the WC.

Growing naturally and already planted in 1920

Tree Species	On the Recreation Ground in 2020	How many	Species Life expectancy	Heritage Contender	Notes
Acacia	no				
Ash Tree	Mature Raywood Ash by WC area	1	100-150 yrs		
Birch	no				
Chile Pine aka Monkey Puzzle	No Chile but we do have a Mature Austrian Pine	1	300+yrs	potentially	Site visit required

English Oak	Mature x 9	9	350 yrs	Potentially	Site visit required
English Oak	Veteran x 1 by WC	1	350 yrs	Definitely	Site visit required
Holm Oak	Mature x 4 Opp Firestation is 1 x Jubilee Oak	4	400 yrs	Definitely	Site visit required
Monterey Cypress	Mature x 1 right of PP	1	Long lived 200+	Potentially	Site visit required
Norway maple	Established		Upto 200 years	no	
Red Horse Chestnut	Chestnut trees 1 x mature by PP	1	Upto 300 years	Potentially	Site visit required
Sycamore	Mature x 5 by WC area	5	Long lived 200-300 yrs	Potentially	Site visit required
Thorn	Mature hawthorn old skatepark area	1	100-150 yrs		Site visit required
Tilia sp (Lime)	Mature x 6 WC area	6	Long lived 200-300 yrs	Potentially	Site visit required
Tilia sp (Lime)	Historically pollarded x 6 Bowls Green	6	Long lived 200-300 yrs	Potentially	Site visit required
White poplar	no				
Yew	Mature x 1 WC area	1	Long lived 300yrs	Potentially	Site visit required

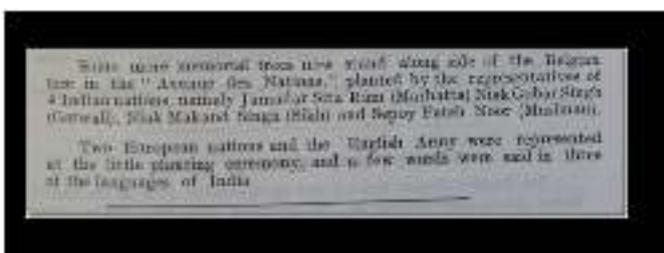
Promised and Wanted Trees

Copper Beech	no				
Elm	no				
Plane	Mature London Plane x 1 PP	1	Long lived upto 400 yrs	Potentially	Site visit required
Scarlet Oak	Only English oak noted				
Tulip Tree	no				
Sweet Chestnut	Semi-mature x 1				Site visit required
Maidenhair	Semi-mature x 1 Bowls	1	Long lived 250+ yrs		Site visit required
Judas Tree	no				

Other Heritage Trees

Nick Saunders has researched information about an Ash Tree being planted by a Belgian refugee in 1917 on Barton Court Road as well as Sycamore trees planted by Indian Soldiers in 1917.

We have identified the Ash tree and when circumstances allow will attempt to locate the Sycamore trees which should be nearby.



We have made contact with a HCC tree officer who will research historical highway tree layers to see if we can get evidence of their age. These highway trees have been heavily pollarded and therefore it is difficult to assess age from the trunk.

Barton Court Avenue and Barton Court Road, aka “Avenue des Nations”, is tree lined and many of these could have been planted in the 1920’s. Again, HCC historical tree layers should help with evidence.

St Mary Magdalene Rectory

There is a Common Lime planted in the Rectory gardens which has a plaque saying the original tree was planted by Frank Maya Das, representing the Indians residing at the Barton Convalescent Depot in July 1915. The tree pictured is a replacement tree planted approximately 40+ years ago according to Rev Andrew Bailey.



Appendix 3

Amenities Meeting: 18th January 2021

Green Routes update:

Final reports, including summary report, on the six routes surveyed should all be completed by 18th January.

Relating directly to the HCC LCWIP (Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan), NFDC's LCWIP has now been drafted.

The LCWIP approach is very similar to our own Green Routes approach - hence we can feed our findings into each stage of this over-arching project. Crucially, this will align us with funding opportunities.

NFDC's Green Way work, which connects key residential areas in New Milton with green spaces, will also feed into the LCWIP.

NFDC's LCWIP is currently at Stages 1 and 2: *Determining Scope*; and *Information Gathering*. During Stage 4 (Feb-May 2021), we can feed in our own findings on reasons for travel, origination and destination points; and barriers to walking, such as difficult road crossings.

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New Milton Town Council

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BALLARD LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS

The first phase of works to improve the lake and surrounding area was completed in December.

This work included marginal planting using pre-planted coir mats to several areas around the lake, repairs to several stretches of the bank which included new boarding and timber revetements to claim back areas of erosion.

On the northern edge of the lake where the ground had eroded behind the revetment Ecogrid recycled plastic cells were laid and then in filled and overlaid with 20mm shingle.

This has now brought the levels back to the top of the revetment and will also assist with drainage.

Because of the poor weather during December, some remedial work such as additional soiling will be required in the spring.

It is hoped to have completed the final phase of the work by the end of March 2021 which will see the lake cleared of debris, overhanging vegetation cut back and the island tidied.

There will also be new litter bins, renewed / refurbished benches and the northern grassed area where there are several low areas will be soiled and seeded.

In Pond Copse at the southern end between the lake and Ballard School access road invasive species (Rhododendron, Holly etc) will be removed.

The following photographs show some of the work completed in December.



The northern edge with marginal planting and the ecogrid with shingle topping.



Coir mats with protective netting securely fixed to new timber stakes. In time the planting will screen the coir.

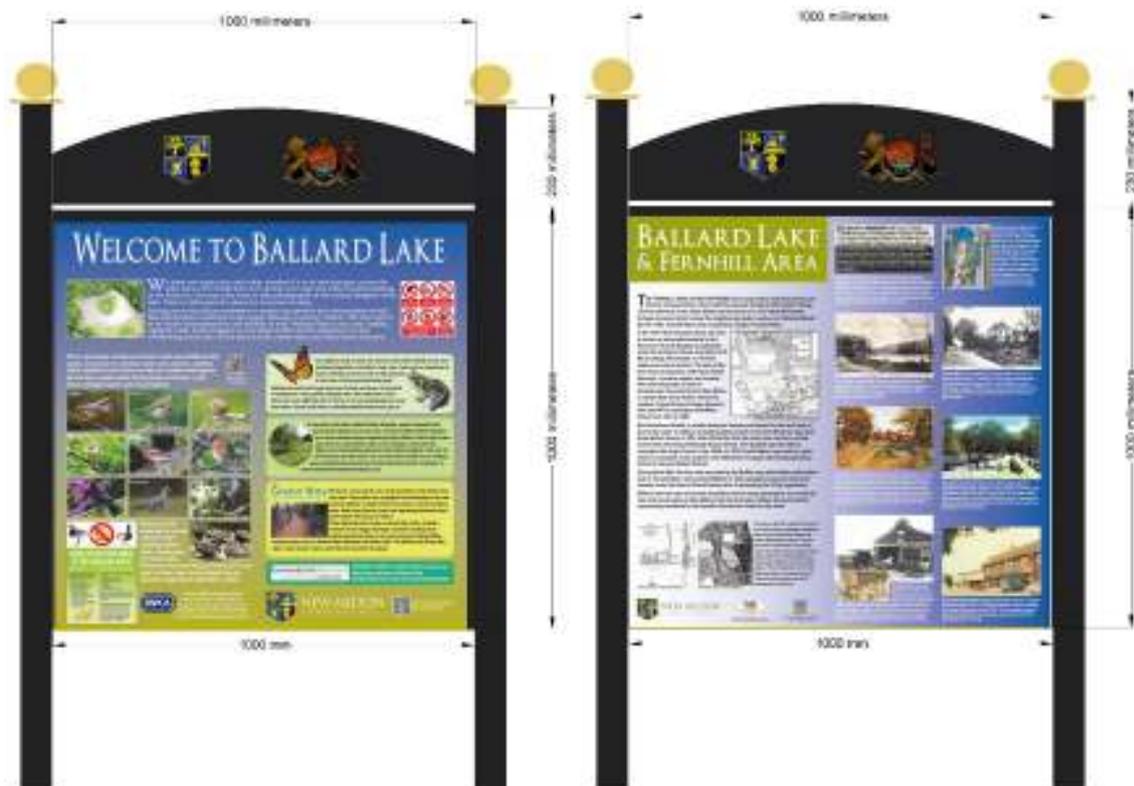


New & repaired revetment with planting on the western edge of the lake

A new double sided information board will be also installed as part of the scheme, one side will have useful information about the lake along with tips and some polite do's and don'ts!

The other side will have historical information about the lake and area kindly provided by Nick Saunders. Both sides will have QR codes providing links to further information on the Town Council website.

The image below shows what the information board will look like.





NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ENGLAND NATIONAL LOCKDOWN UPDATE

On Monday 4 January 2021, the Prime Minister announced that England would go into a national lockdown, from one minute past midnight on Wednesday 6th January 2021, with the stark message STAY AT HOME.

In accordance with the restrictions now in place under the lockdown, the Town Council has taken the following action:

- **SKATEPARK – CLOSED**
- **TENNIS COURTS – CLOSED**
- **MUGA – CLOSED**
- **OUTDOOR GYM – CLOSED**

The NMTC Town Hall offices are now closed (as is the NFDC front desk) with officers working remotely from home.

To ensure that social distancing can be fully maintained, and that surface contamination is minimised especially in view of the rapid spread of the new COVID strain, the Estates and Facilities Team are now working under a revised COVID assessment. The team have been fully re-briefed on this and have also completed a COVID self-assessment form on their return to work on 4 January. The team in general will be carrying out essential works only.

Street Trading continues but in line with government restrictions that allows those selling essential goods only. All returning traders, and all their staff have been re-briefed on our street trading COVID-19 risk assessment and have each completed a COVID self-assessment form.

The Town Council's five allotment sites remain open with updated COVID-19 signage to reflect current restrictions along with NHS track and trace QR codes at each site.

Our four play areas remain open with signage and guidance still in place. The NMTC estates team ensure that the play areas are checked 2 to 3 times daily with all high touch areas sanitised at each visit. These sites will also have track and trace QR codes displayed.

All non-elite organised sport is suspended with all those involved in this area being fully aware.

Our open spaces are open to allow our residents to take their daily exercise or walks as long it is in compliance with the new restrictions.

Non-essential projects have been put on hold for the time being, those that are in progress and need to be completed due to any health & safety implications have been COVID re-assessed and are being carried under stricter rules.

The Town Council will continue to assess the situation with regard to our various amenities and facilities, adjusting or amending as necessary along with any other requirements that may be issued by the government.

If required, we will take whatever further action is deemed necessary in order to ensure the safety of all as we have done throughout this pandemic. This was picked up by our auditor who found that:

The Town Council has taken a responsible and balanced approach to its Risk Mitigation measures, noting that it is critical to maintain a safe and normal living and working environment to ensure both the physical health and mental well-being of the Council's residents, visitors and staff equally.

It is apparent, both from the quality of the Risk Management Documentation supplied for scrutiny during this interim review, and the numerous media reports, that New Milton Town

Council should be regarded as a 'Thought & Practice Leader' in this area, and held as an exemplar to other Councils in England and Wales in this regard.

Our risk assessments and mitigation measures will be continuously monitored and updated, adjusted or new ones produced as required.

The national lockdown rules are clear:

HM Government

NHS

NEW MILTON COLLEGE

CORONAVIRUS
STAY HOME
TO HELP US
SAVE LIVES

**ACT LIKE YOU'VE GOT IT,
ANYONE CAN SPREAD IT.**

STAY HOME > PROTECT THE NHS > SAVE LIVES



FAWCETTS FIELD CHANGING ROOMS - NEW HOT WATER SYSTEM

Work on the new heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) project along with a new hot water system, solar panels and changing room upgrade is now well underway. The hygienic cladding to the changing rooms and toilet areas is completed, along with the new sanitaryware, new showers and hand dryers.

The LED lighting work is around 70% complete, as is the HVAC work.

The new solar panels have been installed and are creating energy, though it will be a little while until we start to see the results.

The new hot water system installation will commence in early February when the HVAC work has been completed as both contractors need to work in the confined roof space which must comply with our COVID mitigation measures.

Repainting of the changing rooms will also commence in early February.

It is hoped that all works will be completed before the end of March.

The work has been carried out in a COVID safe manner with all contractors completing COVID self-assessment forms and working strictly to the Town Council COVID rules, this obviously does impact on progress but we would not have it any other way.



The new energy efficient hand driers, new sinks and cladding. The middle sink is out of use in line with COVID mitigation and in readiness for the return of changing use after lockdown.



New cladding and waterless urinals.



Easy clean stainless steel water fountain & bottle filler, new showers and cladding all COVID ready.



The new main HVAC unit about to be installed, which will draw in the air from outside, this will then be heated, distributed around the building via a series of ducts and grilles.



The new solar panels on the southeast of the Fawcetts Field pavilion roof.

The sun will return soon!



The final bank of panels, south facing on the Fawcetts Field hospitality building on the roof along with the energy converter located in the building plant room.