**MILLENIUM WOOD – DUCKMORE LANE – 2022 - 27**

Continued Management via Friends of Millennium Wood

Millennium Wood was planted out in 2000 with a mixture of mainly woodland species. A five year management plan was set out in July 2016 and presented to the A & E Committee of Tring Town Council (TTC).

The A & E Committee approved the formation of a Friends Group, who with professional guidance would undertake management of the site with a particular focus on:

* Woodland thinning
* Meadow management

Since winter 2017/18 The Friends of Millennium Wood have completed many hundreds of hours of conservation work, meeting approximately once a month between September and April with grass management in September and October, weather permitting.

A second management plan 2022 / 27 has been submitted to the A & E committee for consideration on 12th September.

During 2020/21 and with uncertainty about working hours, the organiser assumed communication duties from the Information Office. However,now that working hours have returned to normality, communication with members of the Friends groups to be resumed by the Information Office.

 **Estimate of** **Costs for Running the Friends Group 2022-27**

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| **Year** | **Tools (£)** | **Supervision at £175 per day** | **Mower Hire @ £45 per day** | **Notes** |
| **2022/23** | 0 | 1750 | 180 | Existing 2017 tools still in good condition |
| **2023/24** | 0 | 1750 | 180 |  |
| **2024/25** | 250 | 1750 | 180 | New hand saw blades |
| **2025/26** | 150 | 1750 | 180 | New loopers |
| **2026/27** |  | 1750 | 180 |  |
| Totals | 400 | 8750 | 900 |  |

The above estimate is based on 10 project days per year.

The supervision day rate includes site visits to plan work, risk assessments, organisation of equipment, refreshments, supervision of volunteers on the day, management plan, any other activity associated with M W and reports back to A & E Committee as required.