Friends of Meriden Pool's two days of planting

Lead Friend, Peter Moss, describes the activities. "Thanks to the Parish Council's successful application and generosity of The Arden Tree Scheme, the valuable help and assistance from SMBC Rangers, it was possible to plant two rows of holly and mixed hedging over two days in January. Phase 1 is approximately 30m in length and comprises holly.







"The other, phase 2, is of mixed varieties at the rear of the Pool and is also 30m in length. For the second day we were ably reinforced by a contingent of the Eco Club from Meriden C of E Primary School who seemed to enjoy their time out, got very involved despite a lot of mud and we are most grateful for their help.





"Also, a big thank you to the SMBC Rangers for their help and advice. They also supplied and planted three new trees, one is an oak tree to replace the large horse chestnut that had to be cut down due to Canker disease. No doubt this new addition will outlive the majority of people living in Meriden, several times over, the other two were blended in with existing trees.

"It is hoped that a number of new projects can be announced very soon as we get into the Spring/Summer period; a new picnic bench will be installed to provide visitors additional seating to enjoy the pool setting; the Friends Group will start planning for additional chippings to the rear pathway; and funding will be sourced for the long awaited dipping platform and some more seating for the newly created gate and pathway from Berkswell Road. Meanwhile it is good to see the wildlife settling down and the new addition of a pair of swans is most encouraging. Let us hope they stay and maybe have a family.

"Can we take this opportunity to request that if you are feeding the ducks, etc please do not leave whole slices of bread or rolls lying around, you are only feeding rats who in turn are a danger to young ducklings or their eggs, thank you.

"If you would like to get involved with the Friends of Meriden Pool, please contact the clerk. There is still much to do, and all help is appreciated."

The Parish Council would like to thank

SMBC Rangers, Barry, Adrian, Luke (pictured with the clerk) **and Shamina**, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator **Bruce Brant**, the **Friends of Meriden Pool Group** and **Meriden C of E Primary School Eco Club**. A special thanks to **Lead Friend Peter Moss** whose support has been invaluable to the clerk. Together, and working in partnership, we hope we have made a real difference to a much-loved community amenity and there are more projects to plan for the future.

