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10th May 2007.

Dear Friend,

I write of behalf of the Committee to let you have a further progress report on our work in the glen.

First of all could I thank everyone for the tremendous support we received during the collection we held over the weekend of 19/20th March. The collection itself raised £970 and donations received since then have raised the total sum collected to over £1800. The level of support and encouragement received has been most heartening.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we expect work on the replacement for the boardwalk to be undertaken within the next two/three weeks. The construction will be by way of hand built gabion baskets and when the work is finished the appearance will be of a continuous pathway alongside the burn. It rather looks as if the total cost will be around £10,000. Although the contribution from Ferry Glen funds has yet to be determined it will not in any event be more than £1000 as several people who made donations asked specifically for their money to be used towards further improvements in the area. For its part, the Council has indicated it will provide the remainder of the funding.

You will also be pleased to hear that apprentices employed by the Council's Building Services Division are to wire brush, prime and repaint the lower bridge and this work too should be undertaken within the next few weeks. They are also to construct a new flight of steps from the cycleway up to the pathway around the Bowling Green to replace the informal path that has been established over the recent past. I am assured a first class job will be undertaken that will stand favourable comparison with the existing 36 steps recently constructed in the glen.

Litter picking continues on a regular basis and although I hesitate to say it, for the present at least, there does seem to be less litter discarded than previously was the case.

The next litter pick will be on the morning of Monday 21st May. We meet at the upper bridge at 9.30am and although I appreciate many of you have to work should you know of anyone who might be interested in helping please let them know they will be made very welcome.

You will be interested to learn Jim Steele will be conducting a casual walk through the Glen entitled 'A walk on the wild side' on the evening of 17th May. This should prove to be a fascinating evening when Jim will help identify bird song and calls and talk about the wild flowers of the glen. Please be at the upper bridge at 7pm – all are welcome; children too, of course, with parental supervision.

Finally, we have a web site being developed at www.ferryglen.org.uk. Please have a look at the site – your comments will be welcome. We are also intending to publish photographs relating to the glen on the site. If you have any you would like to include, then email them to gc20bc@btinternet.com. This letter and subsequent ones will be posted on the site and there is also a bulletin board for your comments, which you are encouraged to use.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Wood
Chairman

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