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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM meeting was on Sunday, 18th May 2025 at 14.00 hrs at Millfield House. Members were sent the agenda, minutes and financial report of the last meeting (2024). Officer posts were proposed and elected :-

Current Chair – Mr. Clive Gerrard
 Treasurer – Mrs. Jacki Holmes
 Secretary – acting Mrs. Yvonne Shannon

Committee members: Geoffrey Carter, John Blakemore, John Telfer, Anna Newson, Doug McIntire and Gill McIntire

Mike Hancock is the representative from Urban Green Newcastle.

Geoffrey Carter is our Independent examiner for the annual accounts.

Patron: - **John Grundy**

Thank you to everyone who attended and, all our members for the donations and subscriptions, with your help The FOJD have been able to fund projects to help maintain and improve the Dene

We still need more people to join the committee so we can safeguard the future of the FOJD. We still require a Membership Secretary and Secretary. The small group of current committee members cannot take on all the tasks associated with running the FOJD indefinitely. If you feel you could help, please contact friends.of.jesmond.dene@gmail.com or my personal email yvonne@thepriorys.co.uk

All members are welcome to attend COMMITTEE meetings Next one is on 13th October @ 14.00 Millfield House – come and see!

VOLUNTEER RANGERS HELP OUT ABBEY IN PETS CORNER

Our colleagues who look after the animals in Pets Corner occasionally ask the Volunteer Rangers for a little help with some tasks in Pets Corner.

Most recently they welcomed Abbey the pig to Pets Corner and asked the Volunteers if they could help them prepare the enclosure where she was to be housed. The Vols spent several mornings levelling the ground and then laying some paving flagstones in the enclosure to provide a hard standing on which to keep her pigsty. You can see from the photos what a super home she now has ready to show off to visitors.



New quarters in Pets Corner for Abbey.



Abbey the pig

KEITH PRINGLE Volunteer Ranger and FOJD

FORGOTTEN STEPPING STONES

Members Doug and Gill McIntire made an intriguing discovery in early April this year, about 10 yards south of the Dene Bridge on Castle Farm Road. It looked as though stepping stones were lying on the riverbed.

FOJD John Telfer also went to investigate 'It was difficult to get clear pictures because of reflections and the wind disturbing the surface, but they are more visible on the photographs than with the naked eye. If they pre-date the present 1850 bridge, they could be foundations for an earlier low-level bridge.'



Photographs of the stepping stones by John Telfer 14th April 2025.

Initially there didn't seem to be any evidence of what the square stones might be, but a paragraph in a letter sent in 1991 by Don McGuire founder FOJD Member in response to a query about a totally unrelated subject said this:-

'The present house of Craghall was originally a row of miners' cottages which were converted into a 'gentleman's residence' once the pit was closed. In 1814 Dr. Thomas Emerson Headlam, Chief physician at the Newcastle Infirmary married and brought his bride to live in the house. ..the labourers from Heaton High Laws would use his garden as a right of way and cross the burn by **stepping stones**. In time this led him to create Castle Farm Road and to build Castle Farm Bridge in 1850.'

At the same time as searching for written proof I contacted Seamus Tollitt, previously the parks manager for Jesmond Dene to see if he knew anything about the stones. He said :-

"I've never noticed these before, very interesting.

They do look like stepping stones, but they are below the water level even when there is so little water in the burn. I'm not convinced they are bridge foundations. Normally the bridges have abutment on both banks and no support in the middle.

I'm guessing they are stepping stones. It may be that the river level was lower when they were installed. We know that there are weirs down stream. Could it be possible that the "stepping stones" predate the weir? The effect of installing a weir would have raised the river level upstream and drowned the stepping stone."

So, it is likely that these are indeed stepping stones but since the bridge was built and the weirs constructed, they have been unused for 175 years.

THE CASE OF THE DISSAPPEARING HALL

Around 200 years ago the land on either side of what we now call Jesmond Dene was given over to farming, coal mining, large villas and country houses. Notable examples were Jesmond Dene House (then called Black Dene House), Jesmond Towers (West Jesmond House), Jesmond Grove (the home of James Losh), Jesmond Park (the home of Armorer Donkin), Heaton Hall (home to the Riddleys, White Riddleys and Potters families), Jesmond old manor house (Jesmond Hall), Jesmond Dean (Armstrong's house of c.1835) and Jesmond Cottage. Notable properties in the Dene itself in the early part of the Nineteenth Century were Millfield House, Heaton Dene House and Heaton Cottage (later Deep Dene House and Fisherman's Lodge).

Another large house, often unknown or forgotten, stood above the Dene on the west side, a little way north of Benton Bank (incidentally the only "Bank" that remains open in Heaton or Jesmond!). Its name was Stote's Hall. It was one of the most ancient of the area's grand houses dating from 1607, with records suggesting that an existing house was rebuilt in that year. This house, much altered and extended, was demolished as recently as 1959 i.e. well within the lifetimes of many of us. And yet, memories of the hall have eroded and almost all trace of it in the landscape has been lost.

Stote's Hall was not so-named until 1658 but "Views about the survival and date of the house are at variance" says the authoritative Sitelines website (HER number 1407). What is known is that the Stote family was an ancient family from Hedworth in County Durham. In 1658 a Tudor mansion house on this site was purchased by Sir Richard Stote and was named after him. Sir Richard died in 1682 (Dendy, p.162 and 166). A ledger stone in his honour with armorial bearings is in the nave of St Nicholas' Cathedral and is said to be the oldest of many such stones in the cathedral. It was paid for by Sir Richard's eldest son Edward who was a member of Newcastle Common Council.

The Hall was a mile from the walled town of Newcastle in the Manor of Jesmond. Faulkner and Lowery (p.29) comment that "it was probably the first non-fortified manor in Northumberland to be constructed outside town or city walls". It was built on a t-shaped plan which survived later rebuilding. The north end was opposite what is now Cavendish Road.

Below is Stote's Hall with the main doorway to the Hall, facing south. Above the lintel is the ancient Coat of Arms of the Merchant Adventurers' Guild to which all early owners of the house belonged. The plaque bore the legend "God be my Adventurer".



According to Madeleine Hope Dodds' History of Northumberland (Vol 13 pp.320-325) the Hall provided lodgings for Oliver Cromwell. He was in this area in July 1650 on his way to the Battle of Dunbar. Newcastle was a Royalist stronghold during the Civil War. The Stote family were said to have been staunch royalists, but Cromwell's visit would have been before they took up residence in the Hall.

Another famous visitor, in June 1743, was Charles Wesley who is said to have dined here with Mr Williams a mining engineer and early Methodist. Dorothy Windsor, the last direct survivor from the Stote family, died in 1756 (Dendy, p.162).

From 1760-73 (some accounts say it was from 1755) the Hall housed a school run by local mathematician Dr Charles Hutton "for the teaching of mathematics and writing". He is said to have taught John Scott (later Lord Eldon) here. This was before Scott's notorious elopement with Bessie Surtees in 1772.

In the early Nineteenth Century Stote's Hall and grounds were purchased by John Shield (Dendy, p.164), a wholesale grocer with premises in Market Lane. It was either rebuilt or extensively altered at this time and being around 200 years old one can understand why. Clearly the coat of Arms was retained above the doorway and the house remained on a t-shaped footprint, although now it had three-storeys and had assumed something of its final appearance say Faulkner and Lowery (p.29). What became of the Arms following the demolition of Stote's Hall in the 1950's is unknown.

A well below the Hall near to what became the Cherry Walk provided water. The Friends of Jesmond Dene have searched for this without success so it may be buried within the banking of soil below the house.

The 1851 census shows the Hall still occupied by the Shield family with several household staff. There were also two cottages in the grounds and a coachman's cottage on Jesmond Dene Road. This is the small white building still to be seen to the west of the "kink" in Jesmond Dene Road.

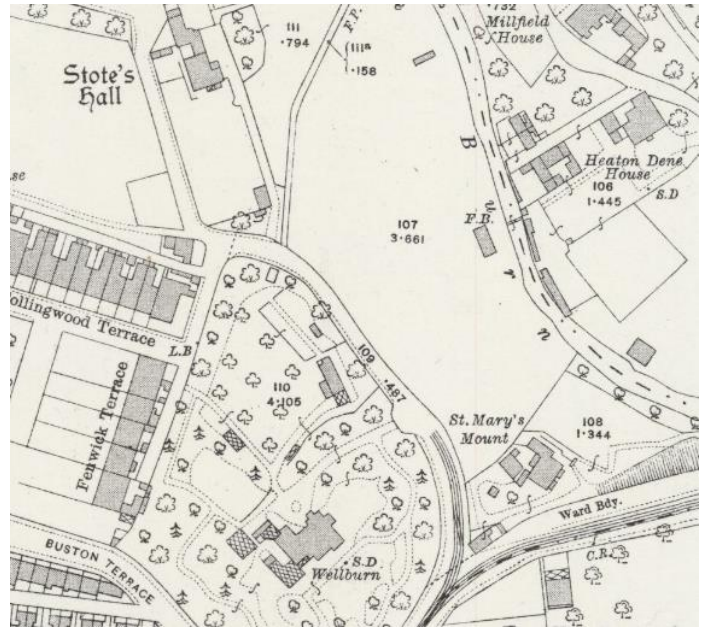
In 1871 John Peter Parland (1807-71) was the occupier (though not the owner). He was a captain in the Imperial Russian Guards and agent to the Russian Steam Navigation Trading Company. He was with his wife Annette and two daughters. Parland was a "personality" in the 1860s. He had aristocratic manners and often wore a sealskin coat. He is buried in Jesmond Old Cemetery. Writing in the 1880s Charleton (p.294) says "... we see over the wall on our right the white-washed house called Stote's Hall, which stands overlooking the valley. We see the Elizabethan drip mouldings over some of the windows and the old gate-posts surmounted by round knobs of stone, built into the boundary wall".

He describes the Hall, rather surprisingly, as "a simple stone-built farmhouse". There are several references to the Hall being used as a farm in the Nineteenth Century, its "farmland" being the land surrounding the Hall, much of it being the steep slopes stretching down to the Ouseburn. This is shown on Thomas Oliver's map of 1844. Possibly more land was farmed to the west in the Eighteenth and early-Nineteenth centuries.

The old Hall looked somewhat austere from the outside, but the pictures below show a rather grand and "lived-in" family home.



Below is Stote's Hall on the O.S. maps of 1894 and 1913.



The carriage drive which once led past the enclosed south garden to the rear of the house is now no more than a track. There was once a “handsome gateway” in Jesmond Dene Road which has gone. Gone too are the apple trees from the front garden and the gas lamps on the drive leading to the house. The house was inevitably much altered and modernised over the years. The doorway and the plaque above stayed the same and the interior retained some Jacobean stone fireplaces and had mullioned windows.

The Newcastle Coroner, Sir Alfred Appleby was living in Stote's Hall with his family in 1921. The census entry for that year appears to say there were 17 rooms in the Hall i.e. in Roman Numerals XVII.

In 1927 the house was bought from Sir Alfred Appleby by Miss Doris Letitia Cowper. The Cowper family remained in residence at Stote's Hall until 1941. The grounds and outbuildings suffered bomb damage on September 1st of that year when the lodge at the gate was destroyed by two high explosive devices landing in the slope below the Hall. Two craters are still visible and can be seen to the south of the “Cherry Walk” path (currently closed because of the need for repairs to the bridge immediately above Pets' Corner). The bombs damaged a gas main and injured four people. In the process the Hall itself will have been damaged – windows and even the roof and foundations. The family moved out and the Hall was left unoccupied.

Their son David Scott Cowper was born in the Spring of 1942 by which time the family were living in Gosforth. If the name seems familiar it is probably because he is a celebrated British yachtsman. Among his many achievements he became the first person to sail solo round the world in both directions. He was also the first to successfully sail single-handed around the world via the dangerous Northwest Passage. In 1980 he completed the fastest circumnavigation of the globe in 225 days. David still lives locally and remains an active sailor. He kindly agreed to meet with a few of us who were researching Stote's Hall, and although he had no direct memories of the house, he happily entertained us with recollections passed on by his parents.

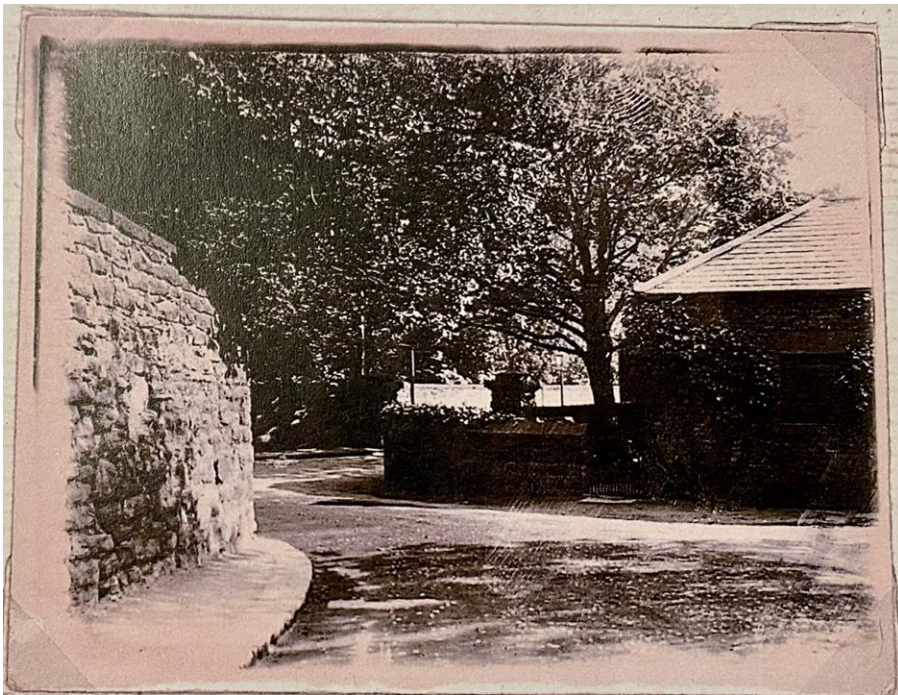
The Hall became an “Air Raid Precautions” depot in WW2. In September 1946, the sale of the property and about 10 acres of land to Newcastle City Council was agreed by Joseph Cowper for £5000. It was then used for a few years by St John Ambulance Brigade. Thereafter it remained empty before being demolished in 1959 suffering from extensive dry rot. In due course the site of Stote's Hall and its surrounding land was incorporated into Jesmond Dene Park.

Here is a photo of Stotes Hall in 1957, shortly before it was demolished.



So, with a history extending over 400 years were any traces left of Stote's Hall, or had it entirely disappeared? Last autumn four members of the Friends of Jesmond Dene set out to investigate. The most obvious reminder of what once was Stote's Hall is to be seen in the sharp bend in Jesmond Dene Road opposite Collingwood Terrace. The road follows the line of the former stone boundary wall which ran along Jesmond Dene Road on the western side of the property and enclosed the Hall's garden. It can be seen on the left in the photograph below. What remains of this wall can be seen above the Stote's Hall allotments about half a mile north of Armstrong Bridge on the east side of Jesmond Dene Road. Incidentally, this is the last surviving use of the name of the old Hall.

You might also notice a break in the kerbstones where the Cherry Walk path meets Jesmond Dene Road. This was once the entrance to the carriage drive into the grounds of the Hall.



The road following the boundary of Stotes Hall. (Taken approximately 1900)

Some of the Hall's fine old chestnuts still line the open grassy area by the road but no traces remain of the foundations of the Hall. Following its demolition the stone from the house and the garden wall was used to raise the level of the garden which was grassed over and the whole site opened up. This is evidenced by there being very little depth of soil before hard stone is encountered beneath the grassy area.

Some "terracing" of the land can be detected in the steep woodland descent to the Ouseburn on the east side of the old Hall. This was to help create a "stepped" garden immediately below the house. It has been said that a small number of apple and pear trees, the remnants of an old orchard, can still be found above the burn. There are also some remaining stones that once supported the eastern side of the carriage drive as it skirted the rim of the Dene below.

And that is all that is left of the old Hall on the brink of Jesmond Dene which had once been so well known to the local population, and which had played its own small part in the history of the area. If any readers have their own memories of Stote's Hall or additional information about its remaining footprint above the Dene, the editor would be delighted to hear from you. Contact- friends.of.jesmond.dene@gmail.com

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- Photographs from Mr. Robson's Collection - presented to FOJD 2014

JOHN NORTH FOJD

We very much enjoyed participating in all these events, thank you to everyone who came.

..Starting off with our famous:-

1.' Dawn Chorus' nature walk on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 4.30 am.



2. 'Busy Cottages and Millfield House' guided walk and talk with Friends of Jesmond Dene. Tuesday 20th May at 11.00am.



3. 'The Lost Village of Jesmond Vale' first on Saturday 31st and again on 6th August with Heaton History Group



To the right, The remains of Greenwater Pool, Jesmond Vale.



JESMOND DENE WEATHER – SUMMER 2025

In meteorological terms the summer consists of the months of June, July and August. The met office has confirmed that this was the UK's warmest summer on record in terms of the average temperature over the whole country. However, in this area we have had two warmer summers in the last 30 years, one of them as recently as 2022. Nevertheless, our average temperature of 16.2°C was a substantial 1.0°C above the mean. The definition of a heatwave for this area is three successive days when the temperature reaches 25°C. In Jesmond Dene, these criteria were met once this summer - over the period Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th August with temperatures of 27.2°, 28.9° and 25.2°, respectively.

The summer's maximum temperature was 30.6°C on June 20th. There were ten days when the temperature exceeded 25°C and there were no days when it failed to reach 15°C, so there were many hot days and no cold ones! Rainfall amounted to 113 mm which is 59% of the average and followed an exceptionally dry spring. The wettest day of the summer was July 17th with 17mm of rain.

So, although no weather records were broken in Jesmond Dene, it was the third warmest and fourth driest summer, and it had the third highest temperature in the last three decades. And for good measure we had ten very hot days and one official heatwave!

Postscript: In the Spring Newsletter I wrote about the temperature records kept by James Losh who lived close to Jesmond Dene from 1798 until his death in 1832. I thought it would be interesting to see how the summer of 2025 compared to that of 1825. The average summer temperature that year was 13.9°C, so it was 2.3°C colder than this year. The summer of 1825 was typical for the period, yet it was cooler than any summer recorded for at least the last 30 years. The maximum temperature in 1825 was 27.2°C. That temperature was exceeded on 4 days in 2025.

JOHN TELFER FOJD

- Committee Members Doug and Gill McIntire joined Volunteers in Jesmond Dene on Wednesday 2nd April as part of The Big Litter Pick initiative organised by NCC and held across the parks. .



Top Right – Bags of collected rubbish.

Bottom Right – Gill McIntire

Top Left – Advert asking for volunteers

Bottom Left - - Volunteer Group

Alan Holmes took this photo (right) of a Heron on 29th March this year.



This document recording all the bridges crossing the Ouseburn from start to finish is very informative – who knew there were so many!

[https://issuu.com/ouseburntrust/docs/ouse burn crossings](https://issuu.com/ouseburntrust/docs/ouse_burn_crossings)

- Link to the Evening Chronicle account of the Banqueting Hall
<https://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/jesmond-dene-banqueting-hall-newcastle-31288206>

- Magnificent Women podcasts by Henrietta Heald have now gone live. To listen click on the link below. <https://parsonstown.info>

- To learn about the trees in Jesmond Dene and parks across Newcastle look at the 'Tree Portal' on <https://newcastle.ezyportal.com/Trees>

- As most FOJD members will know all of the parks, green spaces and allotments in Newcastle were once again taken into council care on 28th February at midnight. Urban Green no longer exist but, most staff will remain in their current posts. The current head of Parks and Green Spaces for Newcastle County Council is Steve Scott.
- In May, this year the broken stone wall on Red Walk was repaired.




Jesmond Dene Banqueting Hall
The Armstrong Project – Autumn 2025 Working Party

This iconic building, gifted to the people of Newcastle by Sir William Armstrong, is destined for a new life under the auspices of the Armstrong Project – which seeks to ensure that it is openly accessible and restored for the benefit of everyone.

While negotiating a secure future for the Banqueting Hall, the Armstrong Project team has arranged with Newcastle City Council (NCC) to hold a volunteer working party to help to clear the site of vegetation. This follows a previous successful working party in March 2025.

The working party will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 25 and 26 October, from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

Supervision will be by NCC, who will provide tools and insurance.
Participants should wear working clothes and stout footwear.
The organisers will provide refreshments.
Numbers are limited to 10 volunteers at any one time.
You can sign up for morning or afternoon sessions or both.

To apply to join the working party, please contact:
Peter Jamieson: pjamieson42@gmail.com
or: info@williamarmstrong.info

- There will be another volunteer working party in October to further clear around the Banqueting Hall. See poster Left for details.

- Very disappointing that we now have THREE bridges condemned and closed in the Dene. Two down near Pets Corner / Colemans Field, and one upstream from Castle's Farm bridge where the main structure has been deemed rotten and unsafe. We have no idea about when or whether any of them are to be reopened. We hope that NCC will take this problem seriously and start repairs soon. It may be worthwhile for members to contact and complain to local councillors.

YVONNE SHANNON FOJD

The FOJD always appreciate the work carried out by these volunteers who are also members of FOJD. Ever since the end of the Covid lockdown our small group of four volunteer rangers have carried on working together, and have continued, either supervised or unsupervised, carrying out whatever work that is required by the Rangers. Our team meets every Tuesday and Friday morning. There are separate volunteer sessions on a Wednesday morning run on a more casual basis for anyone who wishes to volunteer. There are several tasks that our group carries out:-

General path clearing

We often spend time clearing mud and leaves from the paths where they have been washed down from neighbouring inclines. Plastic snow shovels are quite useful for clearing mud and leaves.

Litter Picking

Whenever we are going somewhere to work in the Dene, one of us takes a black bag and some litter pickers so that we can pick up any litter we see on the way. We often need to do a litter pick along the car park on Red Walk despite the presence of a litter bin there. It is very frustrating to see bottles and cans thrown into the undergrowth just out of reach of the litter pickers.

Hedge Trimming and cutting back

We occasionally trim shrubs and hedges where they are encroaching on paths or just becoming overgrown. We do this with powered hedge trimmers or loppers. We then find somewhere to dispose of the cuttings so that they aren't unsightly. We recently did a lot of cutting back at St Mary's Mount, the entrance to the Dene near Cradlewell.

Mending fences

Jesmond Dene contains a large amount of wooden fencing, most of which was installed many years ago. Unfortunately, the wooden supports eventually rot so that the fences keel over or are susceptible to vandalism. In places where the fences are above a steep drop or on steps it is important that they are promptly replaced. The fence supports usually have a V-shaped notch at the top to support the top rail and metal straps to keep it on. We try to re-use old fence rails where possible and even old straps. When we are walking up and down the Dene, we sometimes notice bits of fence that have come loose so we screw or nail them back in place.



Repairing a fence near
The Boardwalk.

Harris Fencing

There are various places in the Dene where Harris metal fencing has been put up to prevent access to closed off areas. This fencing often gets vandalised by people trying to access these closed sites. When this happens, we repair the fence or replace panels. Currently, both bridges near Pets Corner are out of action and are fenced off. There is also Harris fencing around Deepdene House (Fisherman's Lodge) and around the Banqueting Hall, both of which we have repaired recently.

Repairing the Boardwalk

There is a wooden boardwalk on the path leading down from the top gate at Armstrong Bridge to Red Walk. The structure has been deteriorating for some time, and the volunteers have several times carried out running repairs to keep it safe and usable. Some of this involved patching holes in the planking where it had rotted. This was just a holding operation until the whole thing could be replaced. As I write this, **work has started to replace the boardwalk**. I look forward to seeing what the new one looks like.

Bench Repairs

The park benches sometimes get damaged and must be repaired or replaced. Unfortunately, the design of most of the benches means that it is not possible to replace a broken slat without taking the whole bench to pieces and then reassembling it, something that takes a lot of time. We recently did this with one of the benches on the path above the boardwalk.

In addition, the bench next to the Old Mill was damaged by fire and had to be replaced.

The volunteers secured the replacement in place with new bolts drilled into the path.



Millfield House garden

We sometimes spend a session in Millfield House garden tidying it up. The terraced section that rises up the hillside has lots of shrubs that can get out of hand and start to block the paths, so we spend time cutting them back. There is also a problem with a weed, a heliotrope, that is gradually spreading across the lawn and is also undermining the path. We have tried to get rid of this by strimming it and sowing grass seed. We will need to keep on top of it in future to prevent it coming back.

Coleman's Field

We have recently done a lot of work cutting back in Coleman's Field next to the path where brambles and other weeds had encroached. There are several small apple trees along the path that were being overgrown. We spent several sessions cutting back the brambles and trimming trees so that the grass cutters can access the area. We also cut back invasive weeds round the pet cemetery so that it is accessible again.



Small meadow next to the waterfall

There is a small meadow next to the water fall which had been invaded by brambles and had been reduced to a narrow grass path alongside the river. During the winter we did some work to reinstate the meadow by cutting back the bramble and other weeds, as well as small trees that had encroached. We dug up the bramble roots as much as possible. During the summer we did some more work and since then the grass cutter has been able to get in and give it a cut. We hope to spread some grass seed when the conditions are right.

Cleaning up the river

The river in Jesmond Dene has gradually become increasingly choked with tree trunks and rubbish. We have been unable to do anything about this because we were not allowed to go in the river. Since some of the volunteers have had water training we are now allowed in the river, under supervision. We have made a start and have been in the river below the waterfall where a large tree trunk had made a dam and trapped lots of debris. We wore chest waders and safety helmets and used rakes to clear the smaller stuff away. The large tree trunk is still there but the water is flowing, and it will be chain-sawed later.



Clearing the river.

Tidying up the children's playground

We occasionally tidy up the children's play area next to Pet's Corner sweeping up dried leaves, litter picking and digging over the compressed chippings under the large swing.

Tidying up the Old Mill and the Picnic Field Shelter

Both buildings need tidying up from time to time. If we are working in the vicinity, we remove any litter and dried leaves as an extra task.

DAVE POSTE FOJD and Volunteer Ranger

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