**Roots to Shoots - Project Progress Report**

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| **Name of project** | **A3a Brymbo Pool** |
| **Vision statement** | Create a viewing area across the pool that has a great vantage point and is safely set back from the poolside as well as views over the valleys. It would also increase access to the site and see the creation of a junior dipping pool. Strengthening the biodiversity studies of the pool side site and initiating the education links with the local schools. The project will have strong links into most of the Connections projects and would see: • Initial clearing of the site and pathways to suggested areas for the viewing area & junior dipping pool; • Installation of signage to mark and interpret the industrial significance of the site; • Training of volunteers in land clearing and biodiversity management;  |
| **Date of report** | 25th May 2018 |
| **Staff & volunteers participating this quarter** | *Tom Taylor – BHT, RTS Project Officer**Representatives from Brymbo Pool Angling Group, including group Chair, Darrell Edwards.*  |

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| **Activity plan** |
| **Year 1**  | **Years 2-4** | **Years 5-7** |
| Engagement with the Angling Group, Community residents and Community Council.Revisit project aspirations to assess potential changes.Draft works plan for project activity. | Engage with Brymbo Community Council and establish regular meetings and dialogue.Draft project’s ‘works plan’. Identify contractor and/or volunteer activities.Identify skills/training needs for volunteer involvement.Carry out training, if required; earthworks, landscaping, tools, etc,Carry out community consultation to encourage further involvement and thoughts on proposed works.Clearing trees and overgrowth of the site for viewing area. Establishing new pathways to proposed area for junior dipping pool.Establishing measured walks. Installation of fixed furniture including benches, picnic area. Signage and interpretation of the site. | Maintain positive working relationship between BHT, BCC, Brymbo Angling Club and other interested groups.In conjunction with other groups advertise and promote the site taking account of any parameters or restrictions of group partners.Encourage local community to use the site and continue to seek greater engagement.Continue to promote the Brymbo pool as part of the Brymbo Heritage story and interpretation.  |

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| **Date** | **01/06/18** | **01/09/18** | **01/12/18** | **01/03/19** | **Total** |
| **Capital Budget** | Nil | Nil | £3000.00 | £3000.00 | £6000.00 |
| **Actual** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Revenue budget** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Activities this year against plan (from previous report if appropriate)** |
| * Engagement has been established with the Angling group, who are very enthused to ensure project is made throughout Year 2. Site visits have been conducted to re-cap on the original applications project intensions and ultimate outcomes. The group are a very pro-active group and have many ideas and want to be heavily involved with developments.
* Although responsible for the land for Angling purposes and have a 25-year lease in place from the Community Council, the Community Council have yet to engage with this project to offer support or thought on the project moving forward. This will be a principle priority for year 2 before a cohesive plan and understanding is determined and physical works begin.
* The Brymbo Community Council have been approached to discuss moving the project forward collaboratively. At the time of this report we have received notification that a meeting will be organised in early July 2018.
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| **Key highlights and achievements this year** |
| * Engagement and ‘site walkarounds’ with the Angling Group. The group are very keen with a list of site development work that they want to be pro-active with working collaboratively with BHT and BCC.
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| **Lessons learned/changes needed** |
| * Establishing open and transparent relationship with Brymbo Angling group has been pleasing but it is key to any development on site that the principle landowners Brymbo Community Council need to be fully engaged
* Once regular dialogue is established between BHT, BCC and Brymbo Angling club project ideas can be suggested, consultation with community can take place to get wider engagement and resources and funding can be maximised through greater collaboration.
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| **Activities for next year** |
| * Initial meeting with Brymbo Community Council to establish some working dialogue and protocols.
* Establish regular meetings between BHT, BCC and Brymbo Angling Club to identify project development and activities
* Establish a project ‘works plan’ to determine what actions can be achieved through contractors and volunteer efforts, including any identified learning needs.
* Conduct community consultations to encourage further engagement, increase volunteers to contribute to project development and realisation of other historical project interpretation ideas for the Brymbo Pool site. (e.g. renovation/re-construction of former band stand)
* Raise awareness of project, advertise and promote activities using digital media and other more traditional marketing (open days, leaflets, presentations etc)
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