

Dear Friends,

Even the briefest of scans of media outlets show that the world is in a perilous state – politically, financially and territorially. Of equal concern is the increasing reaction of Mother Nature to mankind's intrusion into her world.

Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, record temperatures both high and low, melting polar caps, droughts and fires, floods and landslides – the list goes on. Which is why your work at the Headstocks is so important. The site may only cover some 12 acres but it packs in a whole hamper of benefits.

Various specialist surveys over the years have highlighted the site's contribution to wildlife, a haven for butterflies, moths and dragonflies as well as birds, wildflowers and trees. It has become a popular inclusion on dog walks and a place of peace and tranquility for many visitors, somewhere to have a pleasant woodland stroll away from the stresses of the modern world.

All this is made possible by your efforts in assisting the natural claim-back of the colliery site. If only every parish in the UK could host a similar initiative with its community they would leave a wonderful legacy for future generations.

Finally it would be remiss of me not to suggest that if you are wanting a Christmas gift with a difference why not try an annual subscription to the Friends of Brinsley Headstocks.

Seasons Greetings to You and Yours and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Ken Hamilton,  
Chairman.