

PRYORS GARDEN UPDATE: AGM JUNE 2017

General

The Pryors garden has 550 yards of hedges, 115 yards of planted beds around Block B, further beds in the car park and in the main garden. In addition there are hanging baskets and tubs adjacent to Block A, and Block B and the rose garden between Block A and the Heath. There is an important and much used huge area of grass and 27 trees. The garden is important to residents not only because of the enjoyment it gives to people of all ages but because of the contribution it makes to the value of the flats.

Garden Maintenance

The garden looks better than ever! Damage done to the garden and planted beds around Block A when the roof was being replaced has been repaired. The construction company compensated The Pryors for the damage and the garden group worked with Alfie Bines (our garden contractor) to organise replanting the beds and restore the area around Block A.

The garden has been maintained by Alfie Bines' company since autumn 2013. Mark and Graham work hard as our usual gardeners and a member of the garden group speaks to them weekly. The garden group has biannual planning and progress meetings with Alfie Bines. This year more spring bulbs were planted and account for splashes of colour throughout the garden beds.

Tree Maintenance

The trees in the garden are inspected annually by our arborist John Cromer and his reports are posted on The Pryors' website. The inspection for 2017 will take place soon.

Watering System

The watering system is maintained by our gardeners.

Compost area.

The composting area is working well. It includes a black plastic domestic compost bin in the back southeast corner of the garden. Those who wish can recycle domestic fruit and vegetable waste in this bin.

Hedges

All hedges are doing well except a small area adjacent to the Heath behind Block B. Some new planting has been done in this area.

Planting

The pots behind Block A and Block B and the hanging baskets in front of Block A are planted twice yearly by members of the garden group with seasonal plants. There is a five year plan to extend and improve the planting in front of the perimeter hedge at the back adjacent to the heath. It was started last year.

Herbs

The herb pots at the garden side of Block A have been replanted and some herbs will be added. All residents are welcome to help themselves taking care to leave some for others.

Garden furniture.

Tables and benches are given an annual scrub by the caretaker. During the summer season the caretaker checks the furniture weekly and cleans as necessary.

Newsletters.

The Garden Group normally issues two newsletters a year for the Pryors' residents.

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