

Report from the Garden Group November 2023

The group had a meeting on the 13th October 2023. We welcomed two new members to the group - one from each block. We also reiterated our thanks to a member who has retired from the GG after more than 20 years. Her work and expertise was highly valued, notably her production of the seasonal newsletter. We also thanked another retiring member who, even though not a lessee, made a valuable contribution as a member of the garden group for several years while a resident of The Pryors.



Recent work has included the annual tree survey (available on the website) followed by some work on the trees to remove dead wood.

Our gardener, Jose Munoz, has replanted a section of the back hedge with yew to replace the privet that had succumbed to the honey fungus which is endemic in the local area. The honey fungus presents an ongoing problem that will require gradual replacement of infected privet with more resistant plants such as yew.

This week the GG visited a local garden centre and bought plants to refill the plant pots with winter planting. Jose has planted up the pots with the skimmia, pansies, ivy and cyclamen. He also under planted these with daffodil bulbs to add a splash of colour in the spring. Two pots were moved to the new trial gravel area and the pots were filled with the deep red cyclamen to add some winter colour to that area.

The GG is also considering purchasing some more shrubs in the spring to add colour and interest especially to the long border at the back of the garden.

Jose continues his autumn work including sweeping up the leaves, caring for the compost area and tidying the beds ready for winter. He has also reseeded some lawn areas but where there is a lot of shade this has proved to be a real challenge.

The GG is delighted with Jose's work and feel that the garden has never looked better.

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