

MAISEMORE GARDENS MEMBERS AUTUMN UPDATE 2014

The Gardens: The work is progressing well and many have noticed the changes going on. Starting at the sea end: the Eleagnus shrub has been pruned back hard by Mark with help from the MG Gardening Group. It has made a great difference to the light in that area and allowed the Crab Apple tree to breathe!

Alongside the fence between MG and Brent Court. Much work has been done here to clear the remains of the sycamores which were felled earlier in the year by Michael Reed & Co Ltd. The remaining elder was felled by his men too, allowing the bed to be dug over with added manure and planted with various shrubs donated by MG residents. Under the tree next to the road: This bed is now planted with bergenias also donated by MG residents. The bed south of West Road: Most of the old roses have been cleared out and the bed dug over with manure added. The grass strip has been extended and new roses and shrubs(donated) planted. The hedging has been cut back along the whole of this area. Area North of West Road: New roses have been planted among the Lavender bushes.

Mark Tappl, the MG gardener, continues to do a good job. The MG Gardening Group have also done sterling work throughout the year many thanks to them.

The Dinghy Park:

A spread sheet has now been completed containing a record of all the boats in the park. It is keyed on house number, and has a description of the craft for each house with associated images. This will assist in tracking ownership and location of each craft in the park.

Members are reminded of the requirement to register their craft with Barry KingSmith before placing it in the dinghy park. A spread sheet has been setup to track and record the sale/allocation of keys of the park and pedestrian gates for each house on the estate.

Following the clearance on the rampant bramble on the southern boundary it became obvious that considerable repair work is needed. Quotes for the works have been obtained and the work will be undertaken shortly.

Council Matters:

Mike Porter has decided to stand down from the Council of Management . We would like to thank him for the considerable expertise and efforts he brought to the CoM. Before undertaking any major works the CoM needs to have clarity over what works may be arising in the foreseeable future .To assist the CoM is building a rolling 3 year strategic plan (to be updated annually) this will help inform future expenditure and therefore the annual levy.

Parking remains an issue and the CoM asks that members park with consideration ensuring that enough space is left for dustcart,ambulances and fire engines. When parking on the kerb please ensure enough space is left for wheelchairs/pushchairs to pass.

Dog Faeces: There has been a noticeable increase in dog faeces on the green, in householders gardens and on the side and rear access paths, this is unacceptable especially where the youngest residents play . Members are requested to ensure clear up after their dogs and not to allow their dogs to roam unsupervised around the estate.

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