

Maisemore Gardens Members Update March 2015

Important diary date

The Maisemore Gardens Annual General Meeting will be held on the Tuesday 19th May starting at 7pm in Hewitts community room South Street Emsworth (next to the Blue Bell Pub). Formal details will be circulated shortly.

Gardens

The gardening group under Helen Pettitt's leadership continues to do sterling work and this is greatly appreciated. The communal grass areas have all been scarified for the first time in many many years. Following feedback and concerns over the proposed compost areas the CoM has reconsidered the proposal and decided to do away with a compost area, instead disposing of the grass cuttings via Havant Borough Council green waste arrangements. The area in the dinghy park which was being used for compost will gradually be cleared and racking for tenders placed there. Members therefore are requested not to place any garden waste in the Dinghy park.

Members will have noticed that the green is quite boggy in some areas. To try to combat this and also to provide some screening, 4 small trees have been placed in strategic locations so that members can easily visualise what impact they would have while members are consulted.

Three small trees have been planted alongside the fence with Brent Court to replace the sycamores removed last year.

Now that spring has sprung, the gardening group will be meeting regularly each Tuesday morning. Members interested in joining in are welcome.

Dinghy park

Continued efforts are being made to make the park more user friendly. The compost area is being reclaimed and the space used for new dinghy racking to provide additional storage specifically for tenders, kayaks, and inflatables, thus freeing up some needed space.

Infrastructure

The CoM commissioned a report into the condition of the drains and the sea wall. This report has been very useful in producing spending plans for the next few years. This report is available to members on request and will be placed in the members secure area of the web site once we have an electronic version.

The report states that the sea wall is sound and recommends monitoring it on a regular basis; this is in hand.

The report identifies some areas of concern about drains, especially in the areas of houses 26 through 32 and the CoM is currently looking into these further with the help of Southern Water who will shortly be high pressure cleansing the storm water drains which had been blocked at their outfall in the dinghy park. If this does not alleviate possible flooding issues they will instigate a cctv survey and provide additional advice in respect of possible land drains for the green. The CoM is also considering placing access points on the rain water drains in front of numbers 26-32 to assist cleansing and monitoring.

General

Wheelie-bins. Members are reminded to either store their bins out of sight where possible or discreetly screen them with, for example, a small garden trellis.

The CoM have reviewed the extant by-laws and these will be circulated shortly with possible amendments for approval at the AGM

J Keefe
Chair MGL Council of Management