

To: All Residents
From: Lady Marshall

MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN REPORT
FEBRUARY 1993 - JANUARY 1994

Regular general maintenance of the Square garden continued throughout 1993 and should continue to be reflected in its ongoing appearance and condition.

The only major work undertaken was on the trees. Following discussion and decisions made at the AGM in January I worked closely with Westminster City Council in obtaining the necessary consents. Further inspections and tests were carried out and it was decided that three trees must be felled but that the ailanthus on the Southern perimeter was not dangerous and should be retained.

The work was done in early Summer and replacement trees - Platanus Acerifolia and Prunus Sargentii - were planted in October. Three to four meter root-walled specimens were selected and the subsequent heavy rainfall should have ensured good rooting conditions.

A very old cherry tree in the border by the North gate failed to produce leaves this year and must be presumed dead. It has been in poor condition for many years but there appears to be emotional attachment to its irregular shape and we are therefore experimenting with using it as a "frame" for wisteria and clematis.

Two camellias and two rhododendrons were purchased and planted in the NW and SW corners and a further three aucubas are scheduled for Spring planting in the NE corner.

The contractors for the garden and sprinkler system continue to give good service.

In May and June there was a very disturbing increase in damage to trees, shrubs and garden furniture some of it irreparable. It is sad that irresponsible actions spoil enjoyment of the garden for other residents and also necessitate money and time being spent on remedial work. Much of this seems to have come from outside the Square - it would be helpful if residents would co-operate by being extra vigilant if they witness intruders of over-enthusiasm!

Mrs Mackay-Lewis again made the Christmas tree decorations for which we are very grateful. Carol Singing Round the Tree was particularly well attended and appeared to be much enjoyed. £131.00 was collected for the Salvation Army and was spent on meals for the homeless during Christmas week.

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