



To: All Residents
From: Lady Marshall

MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN REPORT
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Again I report the garden to be in good condition. Regular maintenance has continued and all annual tasks have been completed during the year.

Two older trees had to be removed - a Hawthorn uprooted during a storm and the White Cherry on the North side finally died. The ageing, and probably diseased, Sycamore tree in the centre of the Square was pruned. The tree surgeon advised that this course of action should prolong its life. At the same time dead and damaged wood was removed from the Limes, Ailanthus, Bay tree and one Plane. The large Planes will need light pruning within the next two years.

The sapling Norwegian Maple in the North West corner is a poor specimen. It is recommended that it be removed this Spring and a replacement tree planted in that corner.

Planting in the west border has been reviewed and supplemented with new stock. This fills in the gap left by the Hawthorn and will improve a rather poor area.

It was necessary to rebuild the retaining walls on the North and South sides. the work has been well done, foundations were dug and stones cemented into place. The original walls were poorly constructed and gave constant trouble. As many of the old paving stones as possible were reused.

A new rubbish bin was purchased and installed by the seating area - this replaces the two plastic plant containers previously used for this purpose. Two benches and a table have been purchased to replace those stolen last year. They have been marked with the name of the Square.

Repairs have been completed to the damaged section of railings on the South East corner. This damage was extensive and the repair bill high but thanks to the efforts and tenacity of Mr Davies-Gilbert the cost has been recovered from the insurance company responsible.

Christmas was marked and enhanced by the tree and carol singing in the Square. We thank Mr and Mrs Mackay-Lewis for making the necessary arrangements.

At present there are no plans for any major additional work in the coming year.

G. H.

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