



Christchurch Gardens - Update

The long awaited facelift of Christchurch Gardens has received the green light with approval of the Executive Committee of the District Council for a programme of works that will see over £53,000 invested in the next year. This represents the culmination of 2 years collaboration between the District and Town Councils with both authorities making a significant financial contribution.

The Project grew from concerns about the general appearance of the Gardens as a focal point when entering the Town from North of Parade. Following our consultation with various stakeholders, local residents and users of the Gardens, including a survey during the summer of 2010, various proposals were submitted. These have now been analysed and developed into the following priorities:-

- Limited removal of dead, damaged or diseased trees and the planting of 7 new trees to offset those removed;
- Implementing new planting with low growing plants to secure open views across the Gardens and add colour and interest
- Retention of existing pathways and the remodelling of others to reflect current desire lines whilst respecting the original character of the Gardens
- Improvements to the Tennis Courts to include repairs to fencing and a new gate to minimise future repair/maintenance costs

The work will be commenced during the winter of 2010/11 and largely completed the following spring.

However the introduction of sustainable planting to the East and West shrub borders will be deferred until Autumn 2011 to allow the area to lie fallow and encourage new growth.

Those of you who attended the initial Meeting of stakeholders will remember that an aspiration of many was to provide a focal point of the Gardens, possibly by way of a central feature. Feedback from consultation has indicated a range of opinions with no clear consensus on what should be placed in the central area. In addition we need to consider how best to secure financial contribution from the various external funding streams that exist in order to take this final phase of the Project forward.

This therefore represents an ideal opportunity to bring together the "Friends of Christchurch Gardens", update everyone on our progress to date and explore these matters in greater detail. A meeting to which all the stakeholders are invited will be held **10th February 2011 at the Town Hall commencing at 7.00 pm**

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Further details on the works programmed for the Gardens can be obtained by visiting the District Council website www.warwickdc.gov.uk or by contacting the Town Clerk at the Town Hall as follows:-
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