



St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre

New landscaping area to the front of the building

The recent landscaping has been carried out as part of on-going improvements to St Nicholas Park. The area prior to the new planting had originally been planted with ground cover roses, which failed to thrive. These were removed and the bank grassed over.

The new planting has been designed to make the building entrance more welcoming and attractive while keeping views of the centre. Trees have been removed and pruned as part of the scheme, leaving a seat and large tree trunk for children to play on and enjoy.

Hard landscaping

Stone gabions have been installed to stabilise the steep bank and allow safer access for the maintenance team. The stones came from the low marble wall (very old grave edges) removed from Christchurch Gardens, Leamington Spa. They add additional visual attraction as well as being home to a variety of insects.

The tree in front of the seat is a dead thorn tree. This will rot slowly and provide visual interest as a sculpture, again providing lots of homes for insects as it decays.

Outside the reception window is a dead pear tree. It is an extremely hard timber and should last for many years. This has been installed to provide standing dead wood habitat for insects. Dead wood, standing and fallen, is essential for a large proportion of insects to complete their life cycles. Both trees stood, until recently, in a Leamington Spa street. They have been donated by Warwickshire County Council.



Planting

The planting has been designed to enhance the area throughout the year. It will incorporate plant material which not only looks good in form, structure and colour, but will provide invaluable nectar and pollen for a wide range of butterflies, bees and associated insects throughout the year. Bulb planting will take place during Autumn. The landscaping theme will reflect the planting throughout Warwick District. It will have visually attractive borders and sustainable planting which are of great value to our threatened insects. A selection of the plant species used can be found on the reverse.

For further information please contact Warwick District Council, Contract Services Tel 01926 353365

Ice Plant



Lambs Ears



Creeping Bellflower



Poppy



Periwinkle



Bistort



Heather



Geranium



Marjoram



Rudbeckia



Masterwort



Bellflower

