

Southsea Green Plot meeting 3/11/18

Attendees: Carla, Vik, Sarah, Sam, Helen P, Jean, Goff, Nick, Charlene, Helen F

1. **Review of plots:** to agree who is currently gardening each, whether repairs are required, and noting any other general maintenance required, with reference to the lettering on the mapping trifold.

Memorial garden: Bed is in good condition. Small flowers could be added around the trees.

Location of tree planters: It was agreed that 2 should be located by the wall near the front, and 2 located near the olive tree. Relocation of the open shelving in that location may be required.

Plot A: Free. Bed in good condition. Adjacent fig tree to be pruned: **Action Goff**

Plot B: Communal fruit bed, Bed in good condition. Will be used to grow eg currant bushes, strawberries, decorative salad and edible flowers. The hazel tree will be left in place, and pruned to prevent it from growing too large. No vegetables will be grown here.

Adjacent Rambling Rose to be cut back: **Action Goff.**

Adjacent bay tree in pot to be moved. **Action Nick.**

Lime tree in pot to be moved back against hedge. Area around plot to be weeded. **Action: To be added to rota.**

Plot C: Herb bed (communal): No additional herbs to be planted in this front section, log relocated to allow access to plot D. Weeding required, with existing herbs left in place, eg chives, mint, borage. **Action: to be added to rota.**

Plot D: Herb Bed (communal): Currant bush to be moved to communal fruit garden. Weeding required, leaving existing herbs in place, eg sage. Cherry tree to be moved. **Action: decision on new location required and then to be added to rota**

Plot E: Free. Maintenance required. **Action Nick to repair.**

Plot F and G. Southsea Green. Maintenance required. **Action Goff to repair**

Plot H: Helen. Maintenance required. **Action Helen to repair**

Plot I: Sam and Carla. Bed in good condition.

Plot J: Nick, with communal parsley and damson tree near the wall. Bed in good condition

Plot K: Raspberry Plot. Pruning will be required when fruiting has ended. See Guidance in polytunnel.

Plot L: First half: Nick. Bed in good condition

Plot L: Second half: Antonio. Bed in good condition

Plot L: Next to polytunnel: Jenni and Duncan. Bed in good condition

Plot M: Jean. Bed in good condition

Plot N: Sarah and Vik. Maintenance required. **Action: Sarah and Vik.**

Plot O: Free. Bed in good condition

Plot P: Free. Bed in good condition. Fruit bushes and rhubarb to be moved to Communal Fruit Bed. Rosemary to be moved to herb bed.

Plot Q: Original bed by the wall, now split into two. Free. To be left as 2 beds, Maintenance required to complete work to make beds secure. Two newly created beds under fig tree to be removed and to be returned to a natural area. **Action: to be added to rota**

Adjacent area needs to be kept clear, as there is a tendency for it to be used as dumping area. It was agreed that the compost bins should stay where they are, next to the hedge, and not moved onto the hardstand area. **Action. Clearing of area to be added as a regular item onto the rota.**

It was agreed that the free beds would be used for communal gardening going forward. Every Tuesday morning and 1 Saturday per month will be a communal gardening session. **Action All to continue to attend these sessions whenever possible**

Nick offered to bring some packets of green manure seeds that we can sow in some of the communal beds so that they are not all left empty over the winter. **Action: Nick**

Any gardeners and volunteers who are unable to attend these set sessions, but who do attend the garden on other occasions, will be invited to send in comments to the monthly meeting to keep everyone informed of their activities during the previous month.

There is a chalk board in the polytunnel which can be put by the gate to advertise when we are open, especially for group sessions. **Action: All**

2. Community/craft update

The Skill shops project is still going strong (funded by National Lottery). To find out more or to book a place, please contact Peta.

November dates:

7th Nov 2018: healthy eating habits with Maria Mason, 11.30am to 1pm, John Pounds Centre

7th November 2018: gorgeous gift bags, 1pm to 3pm, The Pavilion

15th November 2018: Rag wreath workshop, 1.30pm to 3pm, The Pavilion

24th November 2018: Christmas Crafts with The Marigold Loft (Sarah & Vik), 11.30am to 1.30pm, The Pavilion

December plans:

1st December 2018: Mini Christmas Trees (Sue), time and location TBC
- NB this is also the date of the last garden monthly meet up of the year.

3. Christmas social:

Some people like the idea of an informal festive social. No pressure or expectation that people have to be involved, and it may be highly unlikely to accommodate everyone in terms of dates etc, but ideas can be floated. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions feel free to share.

Carried forward from previous meeting

Black rubbish bags are needed. **Action: Carla**

The First Aid Kit needs to be updated and added to. **Action: Carla**

Junctions to be added to the hose, so it can be left extended through the garden, and still be used for watering plots through the length of the garden. **Action: Nige**

Next Meeting will be held on 1st December