



**HANGER HILL GARDEN ESTATE
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HOUSES MANAGEMENT BOARD – GARDENS REPORT AND PLANS FOR 2023

Report on gardens activities in 2022

The gardeners – Pawel, our regular gardener, and Eddie and Patrick who do extra work for us – have had a very busy year, made particularly demanding by the prolonged spring and summer drought and the need to do a lot of watering. Many thanks to everyone who helped keep our young street trees alive during that period – they are supposed to be watered by Ealing Council’s contractors but the service doesn’t seem very reliable. A bucket or can of water can make all the difference in very hot weather and our Estate’s good record in keeping street trees alive helps us when we need to ask the Council for more.

One of the main tasks the gardeners have undertaken, in addition to all the many regular maintenance jobs, has been the continuation of work carried out in recent years to open up the vegetation on many of our gardens. The shrubs and small trees over recent years have grown very vigorously, resulting in an ‘overgrown’ environment where it became difficult to easily see the wood from the trees!

A few years ago we thinned out the shrubbery on the two gardens at the junction of Princes Gardens and Tudor Gardens. Last year we finished the thinning of the vegetation in the garden at the bend of Tudor Gardens and the two wooded areas in the Rose Garden. We planted several hundred bulbs in these areas which came into bloom last Spring. In March we also extended the lawned area of the Rose Garden onto a large area cleared of mainly bramble. The major thinning out of the shrubberies during this year was concentrated on the Central Reservation of Princes Gardens where we also planted more bulbs.

The result of all these works is that the gardens are more open and the various plants more visible. An added advantage, which has been mentioned by many residents, is a feeling of greater security. The gardeners have also had to cut down a number young ash trees which were showing signs of Ash Dieback, a disease which is spreading widely in the UK. Most of this has been in the outer service road of Princes Gardens and Tudor Gardens. The gardeners have also had to prune back overhanging branches of large trees, including oaks, in the same area.

Plans for 2023

Shortly we hope to be planting a new tree in the garden at the junction of Monks Drive and Vale Lane to replace the felled horse chestnut and to plant a cherry tree in the Tudor Gardens shrubbery. A major task for later in the year is to replace some of the hedge surrounding the Rose Garden. Some of the hedge has been dying due to honey fungus. This fungus is also unfortunately killing some of the hedges belonging to both house residents and the flats on the estate.



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There are two good candidates that can be used due to their resistance to the fungus: Portuguese Laurel and Griselinia Littoralis. We plan to use the laurel as it appears reasonably tolerant of extremes of both rainfall and temperature. We intend to do this replanting in November and December which has the advantage

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