

WELCOME TO A CROWN PLEASURE GARDENS SPRING

Welcome to Spring and the first proper newsletter of the new CPGA Committee, appointed in 2021. You will notice we now have a logo based on the key aspects of the garden: green space, places to sit and be close to plants and trees. The strap line of 'growing together' comes from the recognition of how important the gardens have been to the residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MAINTENANCE BY WEST GARDENS

Year-on-year, West Gardens continues to keep our gardens in good order. During the winter there was tree damage from high winds for them to deal with and at present the lawn is receiving some TLC: aerating, feeding and seeding. The 'shrub islands' are due to have some under-pruning done with new bedding plants put in. There is also a cleared area by the Crown Road South entrance that has been cut back, where new shrubs will be planted.



GATE REPAIR

The Hyndland Street gate has been problematic for some time. Abbey Metal Ltd will repair the gate during May. A new lock will be required and all 100+ homes that access the gardens will have a new key delivered a day or two after the gate is installed.

LANE SIGNAGE

A notice will also be installed at the entrance to Foremount Terrace Lane warning that no motor vehicles are allowed, as the lane has no foundations and to prevent further damage to the lane's surface.

RAMP FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

The Committee has responded to a resident request for wheelchair access by looking to purchase a portable wheelchair ramp for the Hyndland Street entrance. It will be available once the gate repair is complete. The lightweight aluminium ramp will be kept padlocked to the inside of the fence by the gate. The person accompanying the wheelchair user will need to enter the garden, unlock the ramp, and place it in position on the pavement for the wheelchair to be able to enter the gardens. A copy of the padlock key can be requested from the Committee.





CHANGING THE FENCE

Following on from Committee meetings in early 2021 about the repositioning of the chain-link fence to a metre in from the south perimeter wall, Addison Fencing's Director came to the gardens in February this year for a site visit. They advised that the bank now needs clearing before the new fence can be installed, such has been the vegetation growth over the last year. The Committee is at present working with ground clearance companies so that we can receive proposals and estimates for the work. Once the one metre strip (back from the wall) has been cleared, Addison Fencing will be able to move the position of the fence. In the meantime, the replacement of the wooden borders to the path has been postponed until the existing fence is removed as the wood is likely to be damaged during the dismantling of the fence structure.

During 2022, the Committee is planning to introduce new methods of payment for the Garden Upkeep and the Lane Upkeep costs: such as bank transfers and PayPal and it is hoped that these will be in place by the time the Garden Upkeep payment is due during October to December this year

PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE GARDENS (“GARDEN UPKEEP” - ALL RESIDENTS)

**+ EXTRA FOREMOUNT TERRACE LANE UPKEEP PAYMENT
("LANE UPKEEP" - HIGBURGH ROAD RESIDENTS ONLY)**

During COVID and the changeover between committees in 2021 the normal payment times have lapsed and 2022/23 is seen as a catch-up year with the normal payment times being resumed in 2023/24.

From 2022/23, the Committee will collect the Highburgh Road residents' share of the annual maintenance payments for Foremount Terrace Lane and will pay West Gardens on their behalf.

The following table lays out the dates for calls for payment, with **3-month payment windows ending on the dates shown**. Please note that if you are a tenant your landlord may pay: please check with your landlord.



TRANSLATION OF THE TITLE DEEDS

The original purpose of the garden from 1876 was for 'the space to be open and unbuilt as an ornamental garden for recreation'. Almost 150 years later we want our gardens to be welcoming, inclusive and safe for all residents. It is the responsibility of all of us as users of the garden to look after it.

Please help keep our gardens free of rubbish and litter. Take away anything you bring with you and if you notice any litter that has blown into the garden or been forgotten by others, please pick it up and dispose of it in the nearest bins outside the gardens. If we all take this approach, it will help keep the space clean and tidy.

The BBQ area is available for everyone to enjoy. Using the brick BBQ when cooking will help protect the grass, picnic tables and benches from damage and reduce the risk of fire or accidents.

As the garden is surrounded by homes of fellow users, please be a good neighbour and keep noise to a minimum after 9pm.

Dog owners, please keep your dog under control. Other garden users might be afraid of barking dogs or off leash dogs. Help ensure everyone feels able to enjoy the garden by ensuring your dog does not interact with other residents without being invited. Please also pick up after your dog. There are poo bags provided in case you have forgotten yours and you should dispose of these in the nearest bin outside the gardens. It is possible someone might miss their dog fouling, if you spot any dog mess it would be really appreciated if you could pick it up too.

Please do not pick the flowers in the garden. Please leave them for everyone to enjoy.

Garden users are welcome to play ball games while ensuring they do not disrupt the enjoyment of other garden users and ensure they keep the safety of other residents in mind.

When entering or leaving the garden, please lock the gate behind you to ensure only residents have access.

The Title Deeds require us to hold an annual general meeting (AGM) **every January / February**. On chatting with some previous members of the committee it seems to have simply slipped back later and later over the years for no particular reason.

Therefore, we will use 2022/23 as a transition year to reset this back to full compliance with our title deeds, as this is a fundamental obligation of the Association and its Committee.

This original timing makes more sense for providing a better opportunity for all residents to attend away from the peak summer holiday season, and also allows the Committee to provide more robust proposals at the AGM for well-costed budgets for the next summer's programme of works.

So our next AGM will be held in January/ February 2023, and we will confirm the details in our next newsletter and new media channels.

Meanwhile, we are keen to keep conversations flowing over the various new physical and online channels we are setting up. This will also help us build a better programme of works for future years that reflects the priorities of residents.



GARDEN NOTICE BOARD

The Committee is installing a notice board in the gardens for keeping residents updated and consulted.

SUMMER GARDEN DROP-IN SESSIONS

Everyone is keen to connect and understand residents' priorities for our gardens. So starting this Summer the Committee will be arranging drop-in sessions in the garden. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join a couple of Committee members to chat through any concerns and ideas for improving our gardens together. It will also be an opportunity to identify agenda items for the AGM. Look for dates once the new noticeboard is installed.

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEB

The Committee has set up **Instagram**, **Twitter** & **Facebook** accounts - we look forward to interacting with you there. Details are included at the end of the newsletter under **Contact Us**. A new website has also being built as another easy option to keep in touch. Add **crown.garden** in your favourites.

ANNUAL CROWN PLEASURE GARDENS BBQ

Put the date in your diary: **Saturday 20th August 14:00 onwards**. We look forward to the annual opportunity to meet friends and neighbours. The Committee will organise food, ice, soft drinks, plates, cups, glasses and cutlery. We would love your help - if you would like to volunteer (before, during or in the clean up the next day) or donate the use of garden chairs and cool boxes for the event, please let the Committee know through the email address **hello@crown.garden**

ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORKS 22/23

Full details of the current programme of works is published on our new website, now live, at **crown.garden/works**

This will be a great place to keep updated on the progress and status of works throughout the year, as updated by the Committee after each meeting

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