

Item 14 - Addiscombe Recreation Ground update

The planting in the two flower beds continues to become established including the climbing plants growing up the trellis erected the previous year. It is good to see shrubs and perennials surviving the seasons and continuing to give pleasure to park users.

During the very warm summer in 2018, special thanks should be given to the residents and dog walkers who regularly took time to fill the watering can or direct the hosepipe onto the flower beds. The plants would not have survived otherwise.

Local residents have continued to offer plant and seed donations throughout the year which have been gratefully received and put to good use.

Apart from some limited planting, progress has not been possible in the three entrance areas to the park. This is still an objective but is dependent on selection of the right sort of plants, either through purchase or donation, and enough volunteers to focus on these sections.

There is currently a small core of volunteers who give up their time to maintain the flower beds. The numbers have reduced this year due to some gardeners moving out of the area.

It is planned to have a programme of monthly gardening sessions throughout the year and these will be held on Saturday morning between 9.30 and 12.00 on the following dates:

11 May

1 Jun

13 July

10 August

7 September

12 October

However, if you are interested in getting involved and these dates or Saturday mornings are not convenient, the group are very happy to hold additional sessions on other days of the week and at different times. Alternatively, you could just decide to pop round to the park and do some gardening and have a post added to the ASPRA Facebook page to say when you are going and seek others to join you. Just email secretary@theaspra.org.uk. In addition, if anyone is in the park and notices some weeding or dead-heading is need, just go ahead!

The Gardening Group