



Addiscombe & Shirley Park Residents Association

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Addiscombe Recreation Ground

Since ASPRA's last meeting on 12 June the gardening group have met twice on 13 July and 10 August. Thanks to the hard work of the volunteers the flowerbeds are looking good and we continue to receive many favourable comments. Donations of plants continue to be received and much appreciated. The tree in one of the flowerbeds which was looking rather dead has been cut back to just the trunk by the council and they have advised us that:

"the standing dead tree trunk in the flower bed has been left to attract beneficial insects, and will not be removed, it was also left as a perch next to the bird feeder."

Whilst we are struggling to find enough volunteers to maintain the two flowerbeds it has been thought for sometime that the areas each side of the path at the Bingham Road entrance could do with some additional planting. It has been suggested that maybe a local scout and guide group may like to have involvement and use the experience to work towards their gardener's badge. ASPRA continues to have money ring fenced for plants and would be happy to support using some of this for that area of the park. Anyone reading this that has involvement with the groups and is interested please contact secretary@theaspra.org.uk.

The next gardening group meeting will be on **7 September** and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible as we start to prepare the flowerbeds for autumn/winter. Please do pop along and see us. If you are unable to make the date feel free to go along anytime and work on the flowerbeds. Plant donations are very welcome.