

Planned replanting in the Secret Garden

Summer 2026

Since the Parish Council signed a lease with B&NES in 2018 the formal borders in the Secret Garden have been maintained by a group of local volunteers called the Secret Gardeners. A feature of the garden is the Box parterre in front of the listed shell niche. These 4 beds have been improved with regular pruning and treatment to limit the damage caused by Box moth caterpillars. The planting inside the parterres has become overgrown with various self-seeded plants.

In 2026 it is planned to revamp these 4 beds to provide interest and colour with a succession of plants. It is proposed to clear the beds during September and plant the scheme as each bed is cleared. The new scheme includes a range of hardy perennials and bulbs to generate a display from March through to October. The plants have been selected to provide interest and colour for several years to come.

The cost of the planned scheme is estimated to be £350. Labour to clear and plant the beds will be provided by volunteers (we shall advertise for additional volunteers)

Perennials £200 incl VAT supplied by West Kington Nurseries (in July)

Bulbs £150 incl VAT supplied by Parker's Wholesale Bulbs (in September)

The Secret Gardeners seek agreement in principle for the PC to support this scheme by funding the cost of the plants.

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