

# **SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL – 13 April 2017**

## **Queen's Gardens**

### **Horse Chestnut Tree:**

This diseased tree has now been removed by Charlesworth Tree Care & Fencing Ltd. Whilst clearance of laurels etc. (to gain access) has resulted in the opening up of views towards the neighbouring properties, re-growth of the shrub layer should be reasonably rapid.

Some rutting of the adjacent pathway has resulted from the passage of heavy vehicles and this will require some minor remedial work.

### **Friends of Queen's Garden group:**

Approximately 16 residents have expressed an interest in the formation of a 'Friends of Queen's Garden' group and a first meeting is to take place on 18 April. It is envisaged that this meeting will discuss ideas about the purpose and constitution of such a group and how it should relate to the Parish Council (rather than detailed prescriptions for the gardens).

### **Hilary Taylor report:**

This report (extending to over 100 pages and a masterplan) was received on 31 March. The report comprises an historical background, an evaluation of the condition of the gardens and recommendations for future interventions to secure the conservation of this nationally important heritage asset.

The report will be circulated to all members but will be considered in detail by the Queen's Garden Committee with a view to making recommendations to a full meeting of the Council in due course (probably in June).

The report is an essential pre-requisite of any further approach to the Heritage Lottery Fund or other bodies if funding is to be assembled to enable restoration/conservation works to be undertaken.