

SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL – 9 November 2017

Queen's Gardens

Maintenance programme:

The Council's gardener has made significant progress in clearing long grass and invasive weeds around the benches overlooking the bowling green and around the bastion walls. He has also commenced work on the yew hedges. Members of the Friends of Queen's Gardens have assisted by weeding and clearing vegetation on the pathways around the memorial cross, the steps and a strip of ground adjacent to the yew hedges.

An initial survey of the hollies, rhododendrons & laurels is to be undertaken (as per Hilary Taylor's recommendations).

Storage Building:

It has been determined that the building adjacent to the Bowling Club's toilet is owned by the Council and is available for use as a gardener's store.

Sedbergh School Challenge Week:

This event, programmed for next summer, will see approximately 120 pupils undertaking various community projects in the town. The scheme, which is supported by significant funding, aims to combine pupil training with practical outcomes of public benefit. Pupils would be supervised by Sedbergh School staff to ensure that all safety requirements are met.

There are opportunities for one or two projects to be undertaken within Queen's Gardens and the Council is requested to agree, in principle, to this in order that ideas might be developed.

Heritage Lottery Fund bid:

The formal enquiry was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in October and a decision is expected very soon. If a favourable response is received a grant application could be made (probably next year) to seek funding (£100k) for the substantial works of restoration recommended in Hilary Taylor's report.

Retaining wall to the Bowling Green:

R G Parkins of Kendal has been appointed to assess the condition of the wall and to make recommendation for its repair. Mr. Keith Lockwood (structural engineer), accompanied by the Chairman, inspected the wall on 27 September.

The report is awaited.

Dog Fouling:

The Council has taken delivery of 10 aluminium signs (from Raven Graphics). It is suggested that a sign be displayed close to each of the two entrances to the gardens.