

Grounds Report Skyswood Estate March 3rd 2025

Overview

All aspects of the estate gardens continue to be well looked after and enhanced as necessary to provide a pleasant environment for residents.

Planting

2,000 bulbs have been planted on the estate over the last couple of years.

Mulching has been laid around new planting.

Hydrangeas and roses have also been planted. Five new roses were planted around rear of drying area wall between Blocks 8 and 9. Established rose beds and climbing roses on the archway are showing signs of new growth and should flower successfully year on year.

In filling of sparse areas with perennials and shrubs will take place as required.

Lawns

First mowing has taken place at the start of March and will continue to be mown on a regular basis.

Additional work removing many small branches and leaf fall has been required throughout the autumn and winter seasons due to stormy weather.

A scarifier has been purchased and moss removal from the lawns will commence soon to ensure quality of the grassy areas is maintained.

Weeding

Weeding and edging of beds is up to date.

Glyphosate weed killer is used for continuous weed control throughout the estate.

Spraying of moss with a vinegar solution is used in drying areas and this work is ongoing.

Moss removal on pathways will be undertaken soon.

Vegetation clearance

Seasonal pruning is carried out as required.

The barbecue area, that was in disrepair, has been removed at fence to the rear of Block 5. The hedging will be encouraged to spread along the fencing at this location.

Two saplings that were planted in the lawn on the road side of Block 6 will be moved further away from the buildings.

Garden maintenance equipment

A ride on mower is now used for the majority of grass cutting.

No further gardening equipment is required at present.

Thanks was extended to both Sa and Paul Lampitt for their work in maintaining Skyswood grounds to an excellent standard.