

Corner Green Residents' Society Ltd - 2011 Annual General Meeting

Item 8 – Gardening Committee Report (Jill Cochrane, Mark Helm, Janet Parrott)

1. Trees

Two new trees were planted on the green in November. Unfortunately we could not plant the trees at the entrance to the Green as we were still awaiting stump removal. In late February South London Trees finally removed the stump and the diseased horse chestnut in the lower car park. The Director on the committee had obtained a far more reasonable quote for the three whitebeams to be planted at the Green entrance but this contact was unwell and by then it was too late to lift the new trees as they were bare root and not pot grown. It is planned for them to be planted this autumn.

2. Shrubs and Plants

During autumn last year shrubs were planted outside numbers 4,5,6,13,18 and 19. These were purchased and planted by Seasons. In the Spring more planting was done outside numbers 9, 11 and 20 and the shrub bed at the top of the Green was cleared and replanted. The committee purchased these shrubs directly from nurseries although they were planted by Seasons. The independent purchase reduced costs for the plants but did involve members of the committee's time. In the dry weather residents have been helping with watering the new plants. A special thanks to Annabel at number 9. Our contract with Seasons does not include plant watering.

3. Herbs

As requested at the last AGM a herb bed was planted in the lower car park. Please feel free to help yourselves, the herbs will benefit from being picked.

4. Seasons

A trio of gardeners from Seasons have taken over and they are very willing to do what we ask so if you have a concern about the plants or trees outside your house please contact one of the committee and not the gardeners directly as this has led to confusion in the past.

5. Damage to Grass

The damaged area of the Green outside Nos 6 and 7 was treated with Nemetodes to deal with the leatherjacket damage and the area appears to be recovering well following this treatment.