



*Upton Cheyney URC, Wick Lane, Bitton, Bristol, BS30 6NL.*

# Grounds Maintenance Plan

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## 2: Introduction

### 1: Vision

The chapel vision is to develop the grounds into a place of contemplation and rest, with the support of The Quiet Garden Trust. The grounds are to become fully accessible and pleasing to linger a while.

### 2: The Plan

The Grounds Maintenance Plan includes the Quiet Garden Plan (12 month rolling plan and 10 Year 2016-2026 Plan). Matters arising from the Chapel Renovation project that affect the outdoors areas are also considered. This document is updated annually and available through the Chapel website. A scale drawing of the grounds plan is on show in the Chapel Meeting Room.

### 3: Responsibility

Progress is monitored by the monthly Church Meeting. Graham White coordinates the development and maintenance of the Quiet Garden environment; he also oversees H&S matters for this area. Further practical help and monetary donation is always welcome.

## 3: This Year's Progress

In the last year, there have been many changes. We have recently seen the addition of tasteful wrought iron grab rail to the side steps and the repainting of the iron railings. The small front beds have been manured and replanted after the elimination of rampant celandine. The box and holly beside the gate have been reduced as they were beginning to obscure the Chapel from view.

The consensus was that the small bed on the east side be cleared of rubble and weeds but the job proved too heavy to action at present.

A large 'aromatics' bed was created adjacent to the inner gateway to the Quiet Garden lawned area and included an olive tree.

Boundaries...A holly hedge was planted on the end of the neighbour's garden, including a yew (moved from elsewhere on site) and an oak tree. A mixed native hedge was planted further down the western boundary. A number of established boundary trees were also reduced to provide more light and afford a better view of the Boyd Valley.

After many years of mowing by Brian Mortimer and a period of neglect, we have new help with this heavy job. The mower clippings contribute substantially to a new compost heap. Moles have been discouraged.



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### 4: Quiet Garden 12 Month Plan

Planting Plan for 2017

- 1: More spring/ summer/ autumn colour and interest needed in the front beds
- 2: Replant naturalised primroses beneath front wall on east side.
- 3: Plant herbs in west bed and plant up patio pots for nearby interest.
- 4: Start shrubbery bed on north side of lawn boundary wall.
- 5: Plant snowdrop, native daffodil for spring interest.
- 6: Naturalise crocus into lawn area
- 7: Replant naturalised primroses beneath hawthorn hedge on north boundary.

General Maintenance Plan 2017

- 1: Further reduction of boundary trees to a standard 2m height.
- 2: Further clearing of rubble and weed control on bed to east side.
- 3: Build timber sides to the compost heap with annual partitions.
- 4: Improve Quiet Garden signage and safety notices.
- 5: Repair safety lighting to west side of chapel.
- 6: Secure cellar doors.
- 7: Make 'Boys Toilet' structure safe.
- 8: Secure new garden bench in position.

### 5: Quiet Garden 10 Year Plan

1: Reduce maintenance. Perennial plants not to be high maintenance, and preferably effective at out-competing weeds. Boundary hedges only to require minimal clipping. It is noted that a neighbour regularly cuts the Lonicera hedge to the east boundary. The boundary plants will grow to create a privacy, especially with the leaf-retaining beech and the evergreen hollies. These will not be allowed to exceed 2m for ease of maintenance and to afford distant views of the Boyd Valley. Herbaceous perennial plants chosen for interest in aroma, herbal remedy and culinary use, in line with medieval physic gardens. The Olive Tree is the central focus plant and the lawned area to provide contemplative space. The Quiet Garden has much scope for further seating and modest inspirational permanent sculpture. The address needs more effective signage, direction or advertising, locally or further, to truly share with more people.

### 6: Chapel Renovation: Proposals

The following items have been discussed at Meeting for action and await receipt of permissions and funding.

- 1: Removal of 'Boys Toilet' structure.
- 2: Creation of a gated fence between 'Boys Toilet' and neighbour's garden corner.
- 3: All-ability access surface between road and front gate.
- 4: All-ability access between side of chapel and the garden lawned area.
- 5: Rebuilding of Fire Escape from Kitchen.
- 6: Building of a level patio area between Kitchen and west boundary.



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### 7: Recommended Plants:

- Ceanothus (California Lilac)
- Ilex (Holly -cultivars and native male plants)
- Viburnum burkwoodii
- Rosmarinus (Rosemary)
- Cornus alba (ornamental Dogwood)
- Acer palmatum (Japanese Maple)
- Acer campestre (native Field Maple)
- Escallonia macrantha (Chilean Gum Box)
- Malus (crab apple -cultivars)
- Taxus baccata (Yew)
- Brachyglottis greyii 'Sunshine' (Daisy Bush)
- Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead', 'Hidcote' (English Lavenders)
- Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost'
- Pyracantha -cultivars (Firethorn)
- Euonymus japonicus
- Euonymus europaeus (native spindle)
- Laurus nobilis (Culinary Bay)
- Vinca major (Greater Periwinkle)
- Hypericum calycinum (Rose of Sharon)
- Crocus -cultivars
- Narcissus -cultivars (Daffodill)
- Convallaria majalis (Lily of the Valley)
- Leucojum vernal (Easter Snowflake)
- Galanthus –cultivars (Snowdrop)
- Helichrysum italicum (Curry Plant)
- Santolinia chamaecyparissus (Cotton Lavender)
- Rubus 'Autumn Bliss' (Autumn Raspberry)
- Rubus 'Jostaberry'
- Mespilus germanica (Medlar)