

Lister New Site News - Jan 2020

We wish your thoughts about the New Site garden / Back green

The start of a new year, a new decade even, and we also have a new Gardener/Handyperson at Lister - Paul.

We have the opportunity to improve some elements of the garden/back green and we wish your thoughts so these can be considered carefully.

We have some topics we have identified and there is a response form to fill in, or send comments by email to: info@lister.coop We welcome your feedback.



The view last summer

This was taken from the scaffolding on the Archibald Place gable last summer.

In view, on the far left is the tall silver birch tree, the planters in the middle and a whitebeam tree on the right.

Lots of greenery however much of the greenery in the planters is ivy, which grows thickly and chokes other shrubs and plantings.

Improving the planters

Paul, our Gardener is removing most of the ivy to free up space for new plantings.

It will also allow easier access for him for any mulching/feeding/watering needed to boost these green islands.

Do YOU have any thoughts about what can be planted in the spare spaces?





We are having to say goodbye to our Tortoise

Sadly, decay and rot has meant that our lovely tortoise has to be removed.

The Tortoise was carved from recycled elm wood by a community project at Inverleith Gardens many years ago. The wood came from trees that were felled due to Dutch elm disease.

We are looking to see what might be possible to put in its place, or alternatively we could just fit some setts to fill the space.

The new item couldn't be play equipment as there is no safer surfacing. What about another sculpture?

WHAT do you think?

Tree talk

Our three trees - the tall silver birch near Archibald Place, the slow-growing Hawthorn near Lauriston Terrace, and the Whitebeam near the boundary wall, are all in reasonable condition.

The Hawthorn and Whitebeam need thinning towards the middle/top to open out the tree and let in more light and we aim to do this next winter.

A shared resource

The garden is a space for all to use, but please remember it is also a very public space (in a way).

Any noise and activity from people in the back green is easily seen and heard by most tenants from their windows.

Please be considerate when using the back green, especially in the evenings, and tidy up after yourselves too.



The Rockery

We would welcome suggestions for what to plant in the rockery. We may not do it all in one go, but built it up bit by bit to see how stuff survives. GIVE us your thoughts please.