

Rowlatts Hill Neighbourhood Housing Office – Thurncourt Ward Improvements

Listed below are the improvement projects in the Thurncourt Ward we are carrying out this year and the proposals we have so far for 2015-16.

2014-15 Environment Improvement Budget

- 1) Thurncourt Road Shops – Landscaping, removal of unsightly shrubs, re-painting of canopy, installation of hanging baskets, spring bulb planting on green, jet-washing of retaining wall along the front.

Much of this work has already been completed.

Jet-cleaning of the retaining walls has been delayed due to a problem with the water hydrant but should be completed later this month.

We are pleased that some of the shop-keepers are assisting in watering the baskets. Good news is that Coles Nursery, who supplied the baskets have agreed a sponsorship and they will re-plant the baskets for us next year.

On the downside we are aware of one basket having been stolen. We have identified a local address where we believe it to be hanging (same style basket, same flowers, same crimping on the chain as all ours have, etc.) however the resident stated they bought it at a car boot sale. The Police have not been able to assist us in re-gaining possession.

We hope this is just a one-off. The baskets have been provided for the whole community to enjoy. The vast majority of the community have respected them.

- 2) Bulb Planting – Ocean Road:

Crocuses & narcissus – should give approx. 6 weeks of colour each Spring. In addition to similar planting bulbs along Goodwood Road and Coleman Road in neighbouring Wards.

The bulbs will be planted in September/October.

In addition to our annual Environmental Improvement Funding in March Councillor Andy Connelly, Assistant City Mayor - Lead on Housing, made available further

funds for 2014-15 for which each of the 6 Housing Districts had to submit bids.
Those which we were successful in this ward are listed below:

2014-15 Growth Provision Pot:

Dudley Avenue: Creation of car parking spaces

2014-15 External Painting Programme:

Elmcroft Avenue bungalows: Painting of Gable ends and external rendering.

2015-16 Environmental Improvement Projects

We are looking to identify projects for next year's Environmental Improvement funding.

Does anyone have any suggestions?

So far we have identified the following:

- 1) 12-15 Thurncourt Gardens – install a door entry system
- 2) Re-surface paths around Dudley House

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