

Community Sensory Garden and Wildlife Corridor



As part of the rejuvenation of the Clifton upon Teme playing field, a small team has been established to consider the creation of a low maintenance, drought tolerant community sensory garden and wildlife corridor.

The sensory garden will be as inclusive as possible so that all abilities and all ages, from the very young to the not so young, will be able to access the garden and benefit from its therapeutic nature, with the design incorporating raised beds and appropriate seating areas.

It is intended that most paths within the garden will be wheelchair and pushchair friendly linking to the proposed perimeter path for the whole field thereby affording easy access from the car park.

Within the garden the team intends to create different zones in which the planting will provide areas for calm and reflection, together with areas which will be more stimulating to the senses.

In addition to the garden we would like to create a wildlife corridor of native hedging which will link the garden with the copse at the bottom of the playing field. The creation of such a corridor will join the two habitat areas and provide additional resources for mammals, birds and insects, which we anticipate will then be attracted to the garden, enhancing the garden's sensory aspects of sight and sound.



The combination of a community sensory garden and wildlife corridor will increase the opportunity for biodiversity and an improved ecosystem in the locality.

We hope that this garden, through careful design and considered planting for year-round appeal, will contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community. This supports the vision statement and objectives set out in the Neighbourhood Plan and more recently, the Parish Council's overall objective in respect of the Section 106 Open Space initiative.

Such planning will also aim for as little maintenance as possible.

Now that you are aware of what we would like to do, we would like to hear your thoughts and ideas to make this garden a special place.

We are hoping to obtain some funds from the Section 106 Open Space budget to cover the cost of creating the landscaping, but these funds are unlikely to be available to cover the cost of the plants. This is where the community can be involved! If you enjoy gardening and/or would like to be involved with growing plants for the sensory garden, then we would love to hear from you.

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