

Garden Walkaround September 2017

Updated 14/9/2017 and 6/10/2017

Suggestions from Phil with notes from the committee. Agreed unless otherwise noted.

No 1

Cut ivy back on road wall

Cut Viburnum to the floor in Feb

Plant a tree or shrub where large tree was removed in keeping with Cedar plan

This is in hand with Bartletts who have identified a tree and will plant it in the autumn

(Note: we need to check cultivar and male/female as this matters with Ailanthus)

No 2

Reduce Mahonia by taking out selected branches

Take Ivy out of Cotoneaster and leave a single shrub

Not clear about the single shrub here.

No 3

Shape Pear and raise canopy

Cut Senecio to floor/ bud or replace

Please cut to base and extend grass area

Make feature of Auralia

No 4

Cut Scenecio to floor / replace

Some of this may be OK for a year or two, but there are gaps that could do with new plants

Add more Senecio or Euonymous

Yes – fill in senecio gaps, add euonymous behind

Clear ivy, particularly from trees

Remove crocsmia

Plant wall-cover for bin-store. Not hydrangea – maybe pyracanthus?

No 5

Appears to be ok

Add another mahonia in the back corner?

No 6

Reduce American Dogwoods in bed and carpark path bed

Not by much – maybe just to clear path?

Reduce twisted hazel

Not sure about that either

Also need to replace failed edge-board along path to car-park

No 7

Cut Bamboo back to wood edge

Also reduce height?

Reduce Cotoneaster near car-park with selected branches

Reduce Laurel opposite #7

Reduce Pear drastically as per 4 last year

Yes very successful

No 8

Severely reduce foliage around "wingnut trees" and take off ivy

Remove ivy from trees but do not remove lower foliage plants. Having a screened area here is useful

Clear foliage around brick pile

No!

No 9

Cut off large branches on Ceanothus on slope lawn

Also prune the Lonicera quite hard (not with hedge clipper)

No 10

Reduce Photinia

Thin out shrubs and remove Jasmin

Could not identify jasmin here

Triangle area opposite #10:

Add loads of compost from heap to improve soil

Move small aurelia from front of 25 into back corner, maybe add new hebes

Significant pruning of Ceanothus

No 11

Ask Jan to reduce shrubs right back!

In any case we should cut back the front of the large shrubs on the right of #11's path.

Cut right back Ceanothus back to wall

Cut down to wall Cotoneaster to wall of 12 storage area

Remove bramble and other unwanted species

No 12

Reduce Conifer in bed

No – this is OK

No 14

Bamboo reduce to 8ft

Maybe thin it but don't top-slice. Need to talk to Lee first.

Reduce laurel and foliage in small area going toward bath room for light

Reduce Strawberry tree by 30%

No - we don't see a need for this

No 15

Planting out of Hebe, Viburnum Davidii

This area was discussed again during the workparty on 30th September:

General improvement to soil with compost etc.

Remove Jasmin

Plant Cornus Alba Elegantissima (variegated dogwood) to echo planting on east wall.

Move blue hebes and Viburnum Davidii forward

No 16

Reduce Pear in same manner of no 4

No 17

O.k

Reduce NZ broadleaf periodically

Wall area opposite 15-17

Thin out area

Remove ivy on wall and along carpark area

No – this ivy is good here.

Plant out dog wood, Mahonia

We plan to tackle this area with a CC workparty.

Current ideas include variegated dogwood, compost, woodchip, and maybe removing some more holly.

No 18 -25 (where required)

Reduce Viburnum to floor in Feb

Cut down alternative dogwoods to floor as per previous years.

Please give good warning of this. One or two residents were a bit shocked last time!

No 18

Add variegated ivy to soften the stark grey wall.

No 23

Reduce height of Fatsia to 1 m

No 25

Reduce Fatsia to 1m

Move small aurelia to opposite #10 if possible

Move hebe to front of 15

Remove ash trees

Prune cotoneaster

Path from Rectory Road to back of #25:

Remove laurel from corner to make a feature area. Improve soil and plant mahonia.

Cut back remaining laurel to clear the path

Behind 23:

Add rosemary bushes

Drive to garages at back of 4-7

Ivy off trees to path to no 2 (back)

Cut back ivy on wall and roof on garages

Paul has done some of that

Back lawn area

Cut back ivy on wall above shrubs on edge of lawn area

Remove dead shrubs and reduce all to 1.5 m

Spread compost onto beds, tidy compost heaps

Bottom

Cut back all Pyracanthas to height of wall

Shift grass-cutting heaps onto compost heap

General:

Cut out branches of Euonymus etc that have reverted to non-variegated form
Remove ash-tree seedlings

Note: I would like to concentrate on this list / Cedar walk round in the
Autumn and winter months. I would like to dig in the last of the leaves at the
end of the Autumn instead of spending a long time removing.

Agreed. This is the time of year to make progress.