



FRIENDS *of* MEADS PARKS *and* GARDENS

Strategic Plan - 2026

General

- Build on working relationships with the EBC's Special Advisers, other relevant Council Officers and the appointed grounds maintenance contractor.
- Continue to raise the profile of our parks through our website, Facebook page and contacts with the local press.
- Build on our relationships with other community organisations such as the MCA, Friends Together, the Eastbourne Society, The Friends of Eastbourne Seafront, Eastbourne Operatic and Dramatic Society, local schools, and colleges.
- Identify sources of funding for our projects.
- Accept invitations to give talks about our work and the history of our parks to other community groups.
- Establish and maintain a list of plants in all the parks for reference and information purposes, for now and in the future.
- Website - update regularly.
- Recruit more volunteers to maintain the gardens.

All Saints Park - Short Term

- Regularly check the planting in the physic garden.
- Arrange gardening groups to work when necessary.
- Begin talks on the installation of an interpretation board at the seafront entrance telling the story of the gardens, the history of the buildings and the creation of the physic garden.
- Arrange with EBC for new trees to be planted in the Mediterranean Circle.
- Lobby EBC for the removal of self-seeded sycamores at the edge of the Mediterranean Circle.
- Facilitate with EBC the reinstatement of the lamp post and lantern which blew/down near seafront entrance.

All Saints Park - Medium Term

- Make progress on the installation of the interpretation board.
- Get EBC's agreement to remove the self-seeded sycamores in the Mediterranean Circle.

All Saints Park - Long Term

- Install the interpretation board.
- Assist with the removal of self-seeded sycamores in the Mediterranean Circle.

The Helen Garden - Short Term

- Arrange gardening groups to work when necessary.
- Support Cadence on the installation of step-free access to the kiosk.

The Helen Garden - Medium Term

- Help to generate more publicity for mini golf and pétanque.
- Actively support the Meads Community Association and St John's Bowling Club in Cadance's plans to renovate the kiosk and the public lavatories.
- Give further support to Cadence on the installation of step-free access to the kiosk.

The Helen Garden - Long Term

- Work with the Meads Community Association and St John's Bowling Club to press for the complete refurbishment of the kiosk and the public lavatories.
- Support St John's Bowling Club in its efforts to improve its facilities.

The Italian Gardens – Short Term

- Lobby the Council on the removal of self-seeded trees and the thinning out of the undergrowth.
- Maintain the climbing roses planted in June 2023 and install supports where necessary.
- Regularly maintain the triangular flower bed at the entrance.
- Regularly check on the Ring Twins artwork.

The Italian Gardens - Medium Term

- Get the Council's agreement to remove self-seeded trees and thin the undergrowth to make the gardens more visible to passers-by.

The Italian Gardens - Long Term

- Work with the Council on the removal of self-seeded trees and the thinning out of the undergrowth to make the gardens more visible to passers-by.

The Peace Garden - Short Term

- Regularly check planting.
- Arrange gardening groups to work when necessary.
- Discuss with EBC the installation of official park welcome signs.
- Facilitate with EBC the replacement of lantern blown down into flower bed due to rusted base.
- Facilitate with EBC the replacement of the other three lanterns which also have rusted bases.
- Health and safety awareness - if a lantern should blow down onto a passer-by it could cause injury.

The Peace Garden - Medium and Long Term

- Recruit volunteers to maintain the garden.

Three proposals that FMPG has registered with the Neighbourhood Board:

- Bird proof/fox proof bins in The Helen Garden.
- A 'swing close' gate at the lower entrance of The Helen Garden.
- Restoring electric power in the Italian Gardens.