

Allotments & Land Report 22nd June 2026

NORMAN ROAD AND NASH GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

All plots are taken at Norman Road. We have one vacant plot Nash Gardens which is in the process of being hired out. Posters and emails have gone out regarding legionnaires and how to keep safe. Standpipe taps are being cleaned on a monthly basis by our Caretaker, Gary.

MOCKETT'S WOOD

Our Woodland Officer, Neil, has continued with the dead hedging etc at Mockett's to block off the additional paths and to allow the woods to start returning to its natural state. Additional seeding and planting have also taken place.

Flora and fauna have increased dramatically since the inception of the Management Plan. Neil has recently undertaken a Woodland Management for Biodiversity online course and is currently researching other aspects of biodiversity within the woods.

Neil and Paul, Operations Officer, are now at the stage of purchasing the supplies for the new path. They are currently checking out the suppliers and the standard of wood available.

There has been a slight change in the boardwalk design, as per Neil's boardwalk update.

CULMER'S AMENITY LAND

Boxgreen NJL continue to undertake the general ground maintenance of the area.

Abi, Community Engagement Officer, has extended the wildflower meadow this year, however, due to the very dry weather we had at the end of winter beginning of spring, this has not proven to be completely successful. Ongoing initiatives for this area will be reported through the Environment Committee.

A resident whose garden backs onto Culmers has asked if one of the trees can be slightly cut back as it is now touching her roof. This will be inspected and a contractor asked to undertake the work after nesting season.

PIERREMONT PARK GROUNDS

Boxgreen NJL continue to undertake the grounds maintenance of our Grounds surrounding Pierremont Hall.

Due to urgent drainage work, which will be discussed in full detail by the Town Clerk at Full Council on 29th June, it will be necessary to remove the whole of the bedding area from the car park space number 4 to the Little Library (High Street side of our grounds) as, until the contractors have access to the whole system, the whereabouts of the manhole within this bed area is completely unknown. Boxgreen and the contractors will be working together to arrange the removal of the plants, which are very well established. We hope that they will survive the removal and the replanting. Fencing will be put in place to prevent this area being walked through and people jumping off of the wall into the High Street.

LAND UNDER LICENCE

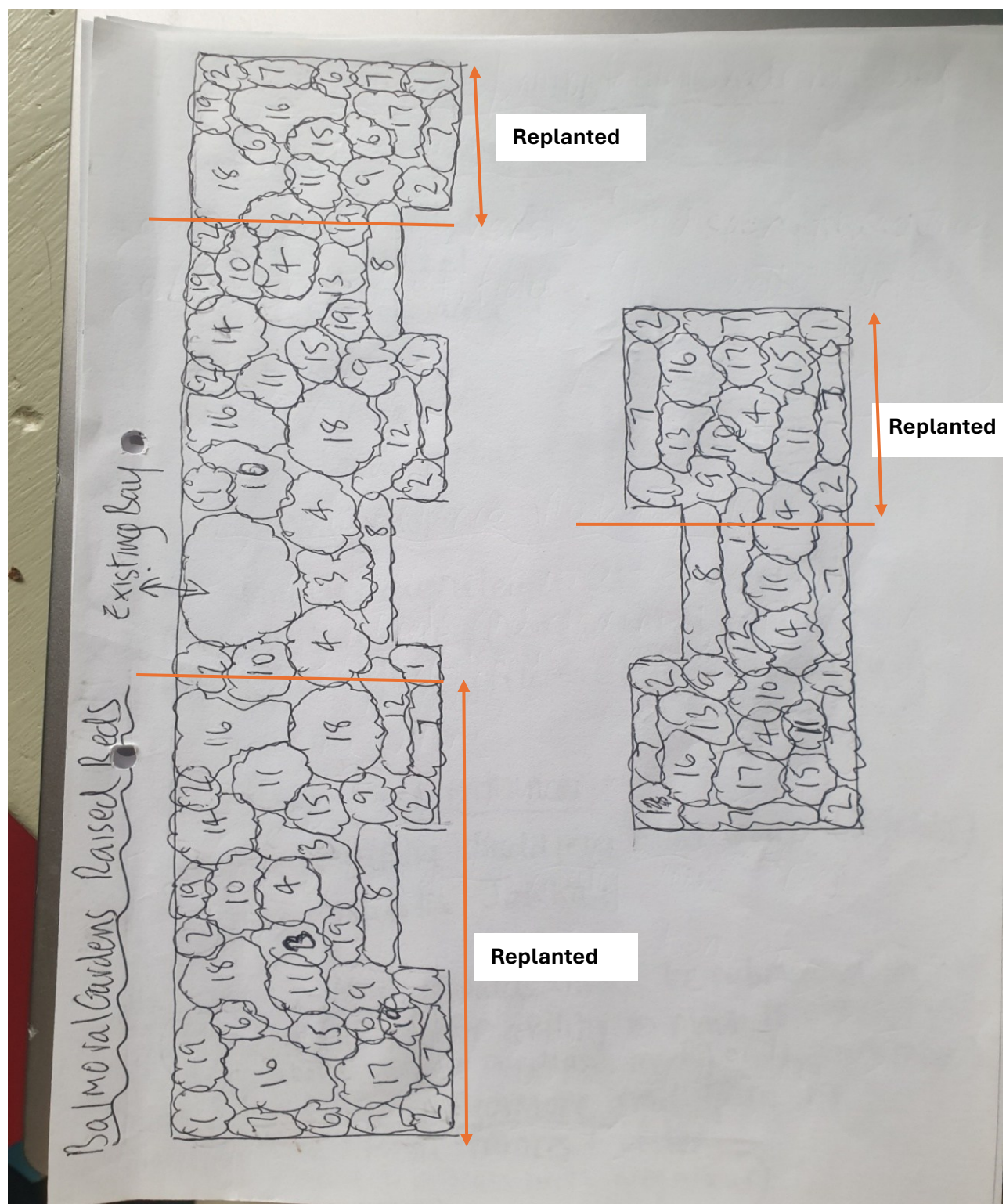
Balmoral raised beds have been planted up taking inspiration from Cllr Pressland's plans and also still using some of the mature planting that was already in place. The beds have been planted as a sensory garden, which they originally were.

The Gardeners have made a new rockery area on the Victoria Green Bed near the Lousia Bay end of the gardens, with new planting introduced.

Summer bedding has been put in around the War Memorial, the two circular beds new Morellis and also the terracotta pots by Balmoral Gardens.

Through the summer, the Gardeners will continue with general weed clearing of the established beds, grass cutting, and watering as well as their normal plant management.

At the beginning of March, the Gardeners spent a week in Nuckell's Gardens giving it a through tidy and a hard cut back, to enable the Dicken's House Museum Volunteers to easily access and undertake general gardening and planting during the spring and summer. TDC Open Spaces are to undertake all grass cutting. Our Gardener's will spend a week in the Autumn putting the gardens "to bed" for the autumn and winter period.



PRIDE IN PLACE

Our Town Clerk met with TDC Officers to discuss the Pride in Place funding as the Town Council had not been directly approached. The Town Council have been asked to give additional ideas for Pierremont Park, which could include planting, play equipment and lighting. Cllr Pressland, our Gardener Vanessa and Julie, Deputy Town Clerk have had a walk around the park and a planting plan/ideas along with play equipment and lighting proposals go to Full Council on 29th June for approval to be sent to TDC. It must be noted that these are only potential ideas and Pride in Place funding is not guaranteed.