

Worthington Park

Design Proposals for the Sunken Gardens

The vision for Worthington Park Sunken Gardens is to sensitively restore the area making it a pleasant place to sit, relax and admire the beautiful plants and trees. A greater variety of plants, with longer seasonal interest will ensure that the gardens are an engaging place to visit all year round. Wildlife will flourish in the gardens adding to the visitor experience. The design will reflect the Management Plan recognising the need to ensure that the gardens are sustainable and that they are complimentary to other areas within Worthington Park.



Drifts of mixed native and non-native perennials and bulbs will create beautiful seasonal displays and greater variety for wildlife, whilst requiring minimal maintenance.

Below: Visualisation of how the new path and perennial beds might look in mid-summer. The colourful naturalistic display will provide a contemporary, sustainable alternative to the traditional bedding display.



Low evergreen hedge of *Sarcococca confusa* (Christmas Box) to provide beautiful winter interest and discourage access over the wall.



Increasing the variety of vegetation will increase the length of seasonal interest and provide food, shelter and larger areas to forage for wildlife.



Existing shrubs will be thinned out and new varieties of trees, shrubs and ground cover will be introduced.



The stumpery provides an historical and playful element next to the existing tree carving. In addition it will become home to numerous creepy crawlies!

A new central sculpture created by a local artist will draw people into the gardens and add to local pride and identity.



Georgian furniture will provide links with the past to as well as comfortable resting points to enjoy the gardens.



New gritstone paths will help to strengthen the identity of the gardens by providing a high quality heritage feature.



Existing trees	
New shrub planting	
New groundcover planting	
Bold perennial planting	
Turf area	
Stumpery	
<i>Sarcococca hookeriana</i> hedging	
New stepped entrance	
Gritstone path	
Rebuilt/repaired retaining wall	
Existing timber carved tree house	
New sculptural focal point	
Bench	