

Churchdown Park Ponds Walkabout

11/9/20 Geraldine and Ann

Suggested maintenance and creation

Continue to strim any reeds spilling out of the reedbeds into grass area from time to time.

Pond weeding ideally autumn:

Pond A

Remove half the bulrushes

Pond B

Remove half the water soldiers (essential to do asap before they “sink” to the bottom of the pond in autumn/winter)

Pond C Remove half the water soldiers and half the pond vegetation on the left-hand side within.

Pond D

Remove blanket weed (rake up)

Pond E

Remove 75% of bulrushes and reeds

Leave any removed pond vegetation by the side of the ponds for a few days for creatures to move back into ponds. Then can compost somewhere.

Leaning tree by gate

Realign

Remove bramble in top island bed.

Greenfields plant wildflower mix on top of tump as done elsewhere in village. The poorer the soil the better, so should work well. Will bring much needed colour to top. If successful, could do more areas there another year.

Autumn/winter: Plant 6 ceanothus and 6 cotoneaster plants (reasonable size eg Nature First) either in some of the hedging gaps or in a new island bed. Will need watering in summer. Need 12 rabbit spirals – Ann can provide these. Just let her know when being planted.

Any saplings left over from John Daniels hedge planting can be used to fill in some of the fencing gaps – need the rabbit spirals they come with.

Suggest don't need Rose Leonard back – it's the regular practical maintenance that is key.