

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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**REFURBISHMENT OF QUEEN MOTHERS GARDEN**

**Purpose**

A report on the Improvements to The Queen Mothers Garden. To provide an area for memorial plaques to be placed.

**Overview.**

The Queen Mothers Garden was first laid out in 2002 by students from Walford College and then Borough Council staff. It was financed by the Shropshire Star Newspaper and has been maintained since by the Quarry staff. Over the last 22 years, the Bay Trees and Conifer tree have grown to such a size that it has made the rear of the garden shady and gloomy and the view into the park has been obstructed.

The roses have been dying off slowly and the paths have required a good clean. The Top Quarry Toilets, sewage pipe had a camera run down it and roots were found in the pipe at several locations. The roots have been catching the sewage and causing the pipe to block.

All available trees and shrubs within the park and Dingle, now have a memorial plaque. More are required as we have had a number of requests, this will provide space for a number of new plaques.

**Improvement Work Carried Out.**

After a meeting with the Shropshire Council Tree Officer, the Bay trees and the conifer tree have been removed and their roots dug out. The paths have been cleaned and power washed.

The Rose beds have been refreshed with new soil and a box hedge has been planted round each plot.

Standard roses have been planted to give height and each bed has been replanted with the same colour and variety of rose, from the original plans.

The toilet sewage pipe is going to have the roots removed from it and will be relined to remove a number of problems in the pipeline. This work will take place in the next few weeks, an order has already been placed.

**Conclusion**

The garden has now been reopened to the public. The view across the park has returned because it has a more welcoming look, and hopefully more people will start to sit in this area. All the landscaping work was carried out by our staff. The only outstanding work apart from the toilets, is that the metal fence requires repainting. We now have an area for additional memorial plaques.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) That the contents of the report are noted.**