

# **Bohemia walled Garden Association**

## **Action Plan for period January to December 2017**

Each year we issue a plan for the coming year of our proposed activities with references to the charity's aims. These are aspirations and we work hard to achieve them but sometimes circumstance beyond our control mean that they are not completed.

Charity status was achieved in 2016.

### **The BWGA Charity Commission objects:**

(1) To promote for the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

(2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

(3) The provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare for the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Overall Aim:

**To restore and put back into active use the Victorian walled garden within the nature conservation area of Summerfields Wood**

- This continues through the aims below.

Aims for 2017

### **1. To develop plots to rent out for the growing of vegetables and fruits**

- Plots continue to be available.
- Plot fees are collected in Jan and Feb at £1.20 per square metre.
- The plot waiting list is maintained and regularly reviewed.
- The identification of plots to be improved, possibly with the use of recycled plastic marker-posts.

### **2. To obtain, through fund-raising, enough monies to carry out repairs to the damaged area of the eastern boundary wall to restore the garden to its original state**

- The second Heritage Lottery grant application was successful in 2016 and is ongoing following the HLF guidelines and signed declaration.
- Plans for the wall build, in consultation with Hastings Borough Council (HBC) and a builder are active. Discussions regarding licenses and other issues are ongoing. Rebuild of the fallen east wall is now postponed to 2018 as structural work is needed prior to the build. A Structural Engineer has been engaged by HBC to determine the extra work needed and the extra cost to be funded by HBC.
- Design and installation of the interpretation board and way markers 2017

### **3. To make the entrance to the garden accessible to all**

- The building of the path through the woods to the garden entrance is postponed to 2018.

**4. To maintain and keep the garden within the walls in good repair, safe and secure**

- We aim to improve the raised side bank by the terrace and replace the stumps.
- Improve the storage capacity of the concrete shed.
- Replacement shed for member welfare that was destroyed by fire.
- Grant applications for the shed and other projects as required

**5. Raising awareness of the site's historical, social and horticultural value, including the Bohemia Estate heritage area and Summerfields Wood (LNR).**

- This continues through the recently published booklet (HLF) and planned update after the HLF completion (2018/19).
- Events at the garden.
- Information re the garden and wood flora and fauna will be available..on the web site and on the interpretation board (2017)

**6. Working with the community**

- BWGA continues to welcome various groups and volunteers to the garden.
- The Youth Offending Team are planning to bring volunteers in 2017.
- The following events will take place during the year which are advertised on social media feeds and our web site:

Easter April

Summer open day in conjunction with the local Chelsea Fringe event

HOD Day September

Pumpkin event October

These events are fund raising for the continual maintenance and development of the garden.

- **Education** more sessions with local schools are planned for 2017 some with other organizations(Mallydams/RSPCA/Wild Things project)
- **Health and Safety** to renew the insurance July 2017.  
To write and review risk assessments for activities at the garden.

**7. To consider environmental issues**

- To investigate the possibility of piped water to the garden for drinking.

**9. Lease requirements**

- Wall build continued consultation with HBC.

**10. Charity Commission obligations from 2016**

- The charity trustees will meet and record decisions.
- Keep accurate and up to date accounts that are inspected annually.
- Report to the Charity Commission as required annually.
- Report to the BWGA members at the annual AGM.

Approved by trustees.....DATE .....