



Community Garden

St Agnes Longsight

Notes from a meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2008

Visit to Community Garden at St John's, Old Trafford and Centenary Gardens, Old Trafford.

Present

Christian Tiede, Oswald Collins, Margaret Taylor, Colin Best, Stephen Edwards

Comments about the gardens visited:

- mosaic spiral worked well
- surface of shingle set in resin was good – rougher version better for grip
- words of memory set in brass in the mosaic very moving and inspiring (words from different sectors of the community)
- raised planters – excellent for accessibility etc (perhaps make one side wider enough to be a seat?)
- decking – weeds were coming through from underneath
- should avoid any steps so that it is all accessible
- wooden benches were preferred over the granite effect metal ones
- great sense of openness
- good quality trellis
- sunken garden would be a nice idea
- tubes for kids (and adults!) to speak through
- school/community involvement in the raised planters (vegetables etc)

Consultation Day – Garden Party

- invite local residents to come to the grounds for tea, cake, games
- introduce the idea of a community garden to the community
- invite hall user groups to get involve/showcase their group
- HRACA have mini-marquees
- design a questionnaire (3 questions?) for people at this event
- have a large scale plan of garden
- show video/photos of ideas we have for the garden
- Saturday 30th August, 12noon-2pm
- Stephen to contact Diane Leppington about Mission Fund money for printing

Future Plans

- Next meeting: Wed 23rd July, 11.30am at the St Agnes Coffee morning
- Garden Party: Saturday 30th August, 12noon – 2pm
- Gardening Days: Saturday 19th July from 10.30am

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