



Green Flag Community Award 2023

Name of Site: The Quiet Garden

Name of Community Group: Sherwood Methodist Church

Date of Inspection: 27th May 2023

Field Assessment Comments

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
A Welcoming Place		
Welcoming	The garden as a very nice and welcoming appearance.	
Good and safe access	Access around the garden is good, and all areas are accessible. The garden is open 24/7	
Signage	The garden has a very welcoming sign facing on to Mansfield road.	
Equal access for all	The garden is level and accessible for all users	Consider installing a wheel chair accessible picnic table in QG.
Healthy, Safe & Secure		
Appropriate level of facilities and activities	The garden provides a relaxing green space that the community can use to relax and enjoy the wildlife and ornamental areas.	Continue to discuss the gardens development with the wider community in order to identify any future development priorities.
Safe equipment and facilities	The infrastructure is in good condition and the raised bed and seats are in good condition.	

Personal security	<p>The garden is open to the public 24/7 . The garden has open views and is well used by community groups using the church hall.</p> <p>The garden also benefits from casual surveillance from people who pass by on Mansfield Road.</p> <p>The garden also has a AED and signage facing Mansfield road.</p>	Consideration should be given to installing CCTV coverage of the garden.
Control of Dogs/Dog fouling	No dog fouling identified during the site visit	
Well maintained and Clean		
Litter and waste management	The garden was litter free Litter is managed and recycled.	
Overall standard of maintenance	The garden is maintained to a good standard and some areas are being promoted for wildlife and food growing alongside more ornamental planting areas.	Continue to maintain standards and carry out management of wildflower areas at the end of the season.
Graffiti and vandalism	No Graffiti or vandalism was identified during the site visit	
Environmental Management		
Sustainable materials use	<p>Materials are recycled and reused within the garden.</p> <p>Rain water is captured and used within the garden.</p>	
Waste recycling and minimisation	Green waste is composted within the garden and plastic and litter are recycled.	
Chemical Use	<p>No chemicals are used within the garden.</p> <p>The garden is also participating in the NGWild Poison Free Streets Campaign within the Sherwood area,</p>	Continue to participate in NGWild activities.

Peat use	No peat is used within the garden	
Biodiversity Landscape & Heritage		
Conservation of landscape & historic features	N/A	
Conservation of biodiversity	The gardens provides areas to promote biodiversity. The gardens have created Hedge Hog Fencing and wildflower areas. Bird boxes are placed on the walls surrounding the garden.	Consider installing a Bug Hotel or log pile within a corner of the garden.
Community Involvement		
Promotion of green space / project	The garden is promoted Widley within the local community. The church participates in Sherwood Art Week and is used by many community groups who use the church hall.	Ensure that the garden and Green Flag Award is promoted widely with the church and local community.
Links to the wider community	The group who manage the garden are well connected to the Sherwood community and participate in local environmental and community events and activities.	Continue to participate in wider community events and activities.
Involvement in decision making	The group who manage the garden have full control of the improvement and maintenance of the gardens.	
Involvement in operations	The gardens are maintained by a team of volunteers who carry out all the maintenance operations within the garden.	
Appropriate provision for the community	The garden provides a small relaxing green space that is used by the wider community. The facilities provided are appropriate for the garden.	

Management / achievements		
Innovation and creativity	The gardens have used art work to brighten up the space and help to engage the community.	
Resources secured / used	The gardens are maintained by volunteers and access small grants from time to time to fund project work within the gardens.	
<p>Additional Comments</p> <p>The garden is well maintained and provides a nice space for the community to use. The volunteers are managing the garden in a very sustainable way and have developed a good balance between the wildlife and ornamental areas. The gardens provide a great place for the community to relax and enjoy. The gardens are participating in the NGwild poison free streets initiative and manage the gardens in an organic and environmental sensitive manner. The church also participates in the EcoChurch initiative, and the garden plays a major part in the church's environmental sustainability and community development work.</p> <p>The garden is a wonderful community facility and provides both a place to relax and place to enjoy the wildlife and ornamental planting. The garden is managed and maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers and is well deserving of green flag community award in 2023/24.</p>		