

Planting guidance

Introduction

Park officers and the FOVP have identified the need for guidance on planting and this has also been highlighted through the management plan process. Some planting beds have no relevance to historic design or current use, and the design of late 20th century plantings has failed to respond to the historic context and current use of the park.

A schedule of planting areas is provided in Appendix 5. The rationale for change and proposals are described in section C.1 Vision Masterplan of the management plan. This section on planting guidance provides more information on the type of planting and plant species that are envisaged. The following plant lists are provided for guidance only. They are not definitive and do not constitute a plant schedule or design.

Bulbs for naturalising in grass, Area 1

These bulbs have been selected for autumn, winter and early spring flowering to provide a succession of colour and interest adjacent to entrances from South Lambeth Road. Small narcissus species have been selected for effect and to be in scale with the park.

Crocus tommasinianus – plant in large drifts

Crocus speciosus – plant around trees

Cyclamen coum – plant amid tree roots

Galanthus nivalis – plant near to the hedge and in smaller drifts

Narcissus 'February Gold'- plant in large drifts

Narcissus 'Jack Snipe'- plant in large drifts

Shrubs for use in areas 1, 2, 3 and 8

Areas for shrub planting are limited and relatively small in scale. For reasons of security, perceived issues of security and the maintenance of sightlines, it is intended that the majority of planting should not exceed eye level, reaching 1.2 -1.5m high. The planting should be varied in height up to this approximate level with small trees and open branched specimen shrubs rising above the shrub layer. There should be an emphasis on evergreen shrubs to provide form and texture throughout the year with flowers, scent, berries and autumn colour providing seasonal interest. Careful consideration must be given to levels of shade, drought tolerance, and the limited use of herbaceous plants and bulbs in association with the shrubs, and to planting that gives a sense of unity and cohesion while being designed to meet the requirements of particular locations in the park.

Shrubs	Evergreen	Specimen	Flowers	Scented	Berries
Berberis verruculosa	*		*		
Buxus microphylla 'Faulkner'	*				
Buxus sempervirens 'Blauer Heinz'	*				
Buxus sempervirens 'Elegantissima'	*				
Choisya ternata	*		*	*	

Cotoneaster 'Cornubia'	*	*	*		*
Daphne laureola	*		*	*	
Daphne laureola var philippi	*		*	*	
Euonymus 'Albomarginatus'	*				
Hamamelis mollis		*	*	*	
Hydrangea serrata 'Bluebird'			*		
Hypericum x moserianum			*		
Mahonia japonica	*		*	*	*
Pachysandra terminalis 'Variegata'	*				
Philadelphus 'Manteau d'Hermine'			*	*	
Philadelphus coronarius 'Aureus'			*	*	
Rhododendron 'Narcissiflorum'		*	*	*	
Ribes sanguineum 'King Edward VII'		*	*	*	*
Sarcococca confusa	*		*	*	*
Skimmia fragrantissima	*		*	*	*
Skimmia japonica 'Winifred Crook'	*		*		*
Syringa persica alba		*	*	*	
Syringa x chinensis		*	*	*	
Taxus baccata 'Repens'	*				
Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Anne Russell'		*	*	*	
Viburnum tinus	*		*		

Planting around the fountain

This will become a 'new' planting area contained by yew hedging and the planting can be designed to reflect this. As the space is generally sunny there is the opportunity to use species that will not thrive elsewhere in the park. Consideration should be given to colour, scent and form, and scale in relation to the model village, and the longevity and sustainability of plantings. The planting could contain herbaceous plants, grasses and bulbs, a varied tapestry in different layers with a succession of flowering interest, retaining form and interest during the winter months.

Planting area adjacent to the wall in area 6

Consideration should be given to the involvement of children in the design and use of this area, preferably so that there is the potential for children to plant, nurture, pick and harvest fruits, flowers and seed heads. The planting area could be developed with espaliered fruit trees against the wall, flowers to attract insects such as butterflies and with seeds to attract birds, and scented flowering shrubs adjacent to the seating area by the toy train.