

**NONSUCH PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
25 JANUARY 2016**

**PROGRESS REPORT – JANUARY 2016**

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Annexes/Appendices (attached): Annexe 1 – Farmer Memorial Update  
Annexe 2 – 2015 Quarter 4 Update from the  
Nonsuch Voles  
Annexe 3 – Update from Nonsuch Watch

Other available papers (not attached):

**REPORT SUMMARY**

**A report to update the Joint Management Committee on the progress of outstanding matters.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Joint Management Committee notes the progress of the following:**

- **Farmer Memorial**
- **Asset Management Working Party**
- **Heritage Lottery Fund**
- **Walnut Grove**
- **Sustainable Planting**
- **Update from Volunteer Groups**

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**1 Farmer Memorial**

1.1 Please see Annexe 1.

**2 Asset Management Working Party**

2.1 As directed by the Asset Management Working Party, the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee has now appointed agents to seek an office tenant for the first floor of the Mansion House. The space has been vacant for several years and was formerly used for education purposes by the Sutton College of Liberal Arts.

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**3 Heritage Lottery Fund**

- 3.1 Discussions of the working party to date have centred on either developing a Parks for People bid for the park or a Heritage Grant for the upper floors of the Mansion House. Should there be a strong indication in the coming months that the upper floors of the Mansion House can be successfully let on a commercial basis whilst preserving their heritage aspects, it is proposed that a Parks for People bid is developed for the park for submission of a Stage One application in February 2017, subject to sufficient match funding being identified.

**4 Walnut Grove**

- 4.1 On 11 December 2015, The Nonsuch Voles and Park staff joined forces to plant out the Walnut Trees that had kindly been donated to the Park by Mike Ford of Epsom & Ewell's Tree Advisory Board.
- 4.2 Advice on the planting and after-care of the trees was provided by Jeremy Young, Epsom & Ewell's Tree Officer and the small amount needed to purchase equipment (tree guards etc) was funded through the Joint Management Committee budget.

**5 Sustainable Planting**

- 5.1 There are currently 19 beds traditionally laid out with formal, annual bedding plants in the formal garden. This number will be reduced to three over a five year period, starting in summer 2016.
- 5.2 The three beds which will retain seasonal bedding are the Round Bed, the Square Bed and the Library Bed, those being nearest to the Mansion House.
- 5.3 The remaining 16 beds will be planted with a sustainable planting scheme making use of small shrubs, topiary, herbaceous perennials, grasses and bulbs. The changeover will be phased due to the cost of implementation i.e. the purchase of the new plants.
- 5.4 Where possible the Nonsuch staff and the Nonsuch Voles will propagate and cultivate plants for the new schemes.
- 5.5 Moving to sustainable planting has many benefits:
- Encourages more wildlife than traditional bedding plants
  - Reduces watering
  - Does not need to be replanted every six months
  - Annual cost on plants is reduced over time.
  - No waste of plants
  - Some propagation can be carried out by volunteers
  - Flowering season can be prolonged with careful choice of plants

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**6 Update from Volunteer Groups**

- 6.1 Updates from Nonsuch Voles and Nonsuch Watch are attached as Annexe 2 and Annexe 3. The other Groups are invited to present an update at the meeting.