

The Long Itchington Memorial Garden

Long Itchington residents regularly ask The Parish Council if they may have a dedication to the memory of a loved one positioned somewhere in the village. Whilst these requests have always been accommodated willingly, suitable locations have become limited so a new Memorial Garden has been built in the north-west corner of the LILAC field.

The Garden feature has been designed to be a quiet area for contemplation. The south facing timber wall provides the backdrop for fixing personal dedications in the form of commemorative plaques with personal messages.



The Garden has been planted with a range of shrubs and plants designed to provide attractive foliage, flowers and borders. There is further space available to extend the Garden with additional planting of native trees and shrubs that are attractive to our local wildlife. Further details of the types of trees and shrubs for planting are given below.

How to order a commemorative plaque

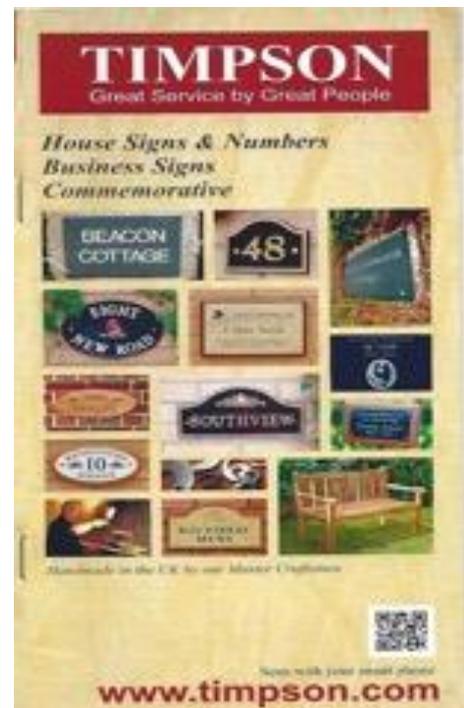
The Garden has been designed so that commemorative plaques can be fixed to the wall – either facing south, beside the memorial benches or to the north over the planted garden.

We will be pleased to view the site with you to determine where you would most like your plaque fitted.

In order to maintain a consistency of design and materials used within the garden, we ask that you order your plaque from Timpson.

Timpson provide a good and competitively priced service. They have 3 shops in Leamington – in Regent Street, Warwick Street and within Sainsbury's Shires Retail Park. They also have shops in Warwick and Kenilworth.

Plaques can also be ordered through their website – www.timpson.com



In order to maintain consistency of design and of the materials that are fixed to the Garden wall, we ask that only **brass** memorial plaques are specified.

Timpson offer 4 different sizes and shapes of **brass** plaques

Guide prices are shown on this page but final costs are clearly dependent upon the amount of text that you wish to have on your plaque. Timpson will provide a final pricing ahead of you placing your order with them.

Once you receive your plaque from Timpson, please contact the Parish Office who will then arrange for it to be fixed to the wall in an agreed position at a mutually convenient time.

Purchasing / dedicating a tree

There is also space in the LILAC Field, beside the Memorial Garden, to extend the planted area for residents to purchase and dedicate a tree. In keeping with the objective of creating a wildlife friendly environment, you are invited to choose from a selection of native species that support our biodiversity and local wildlife.

If you wish to order a tree or shrub please first contact the Parish Office to discuss your requirements in further detail.

The Parish Council is working with Habitat Aid as their preferred supplier who provide high quality British native trees and heritage fruit trees that are sourced through a community of small specialist UK nurseries and growers. They have close links to a number of UK conservation charities, and donate half their profits from online sales. Their conservation

clients include Buglife, the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, British Beekeepers' Association and Butterfly Conservation – their corporate clients include the Co-op, Friends of the Earth, M&S, Noble Foods, Solar Century, Good Energy, the Forestry Commission, the Environment Agency and the Highways Agency.

<https://www.habitataid.co.uk/>

Timings for planting

The best time to plant trees and shrubs is in the dormant season – i.e. from late autumn to early spring – particularly as it's also the most cost-effective way to purchase them is as 'bare root' plants.

Examples of the selected species for the Memorial Garden area are:

Alder Buckthorn

Alder Buckthorn, *Rhamnus frangula*, is a large shrub with glossy green leaves that turn yellow, contrasting with red berries in the Autumn. Alder Buckthorn prefers damp, peaty sites, and unlike Purging or Common Buckthorn is thornless. Both Buckthorns are, however, the only foodplants of the Brimstone butterfly, which makes them an obligatory part of any butterfly garden.



Crab Apple



The wild Crab Apple is a small tree of woods and hedges throughout Britain. Its extended flowering period, with very pretty blossom, is helpful for bees as much as it is for cross pollinating other apple trees, and its fruit, with its high pectin levels, makes good winter eating for the birds.

Silver Birch

Silver Birch is a pretty fast growing tree which supports over a hundred insect species and its massive numbers of seeds attract birds, including redpolls. The graceful silver limbs of the Silver Birch hold small leaves, which give dappled shade turning golden yellow in the autumn.





Rowan

The Rowan, or Mountain Ash has pretty blossom in June and large bunches of red berries, which are eaten by birds like Chaffinches and small mammals. Rowan foliage turns to attractive colours in the autumn.

These trees are all small to medium sized in order to be planted within reasonable proximity to the Garden. If other native trees which grow to large sizes were requested e.g. Oak, Horse Chestnut, these would have to be planted further away from the Garden.

Shrubs

Its planned to create further areas for planting additional shrubs dependent upon interest in the parish. As with the trees, these areas will accommodate specific natural varieties which will also be attractive to wildlife. Suggested species are Field Roses, Guelder Roses, Lavenders, Spindle, Broom, Dogwoods and Small Willows.

Ordering trees / shrubs.

If you wish to order a tree or shrub, please discuss with the Parish Office who can then advise on the cost – which we ask is paid in advance.

In order to enable a structured planting programme, the Parish Council will consolidate all orders for trees and shrubs and arrange to purchase them together and for their delivery to site.

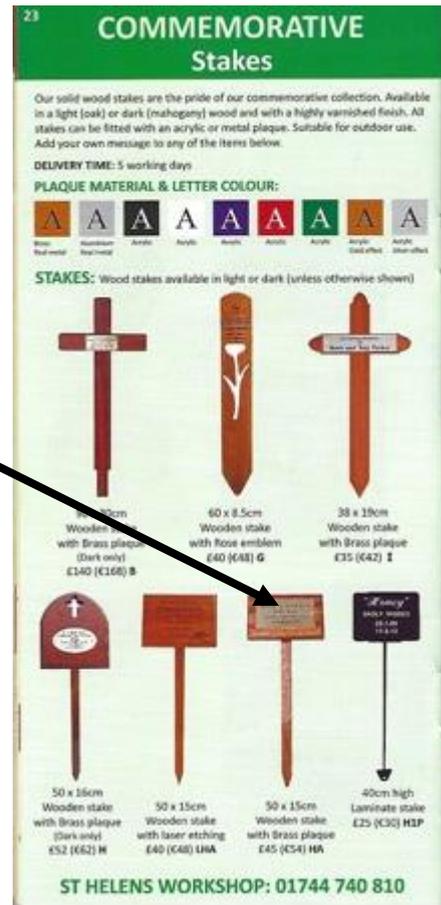
We can then arrange a suitable time with you for planting the trees and or shrubs.

Commemorative Stakes / Plaques

If you wish to purchase a tree plaque, these can also be ordered from Timpson.

The process for ordering one is the same as for the commemorative plaques described above.

As with the plaques and for the same reasons, we ask that only **brass** plaques are ordered.



Ongoing development

There is sufficient space around the Garden for it to be extended with further beds for shrubs, plants and trees as demand requires.

Community involvement

Residents are very welcome to be part of the team that maintains the Garden. If there is interest the Parish Council would like to launch a 'Friends of the Long Itchington Memorial Garden' scheme.

Memorial Garden Order Form

Trees

Please select your variety and number required from the list below:

Variety	Number
Alder Buckthorn	
Crab Apple	
Silver Birch	
Rowan	
Other requests	

Shrubs

Please select your variety and number required from the list below:

Variety	Number
Field Rose	
Guelder Rose	
Lavenders	
Spindle	
Broom	
Dogwoods	
Small Willows	