

**NOTE TO RESIDENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF  
THE GROSVENOR AND LANSDOWNE CRESCENT GARDENS COMMITTEE**

**Newsletter – January 2026**

The official Garden's Committee is pleased to report that on 4th and 5th December 2025 Heartwood Tree Care worked with their team for two days to carry out an extensive programme of crown lift pruning and felling of trees identified in Adam Riedi's report as requiring attention or felling. This programme is on-going and, once suitable quotes have been obtained, the remaining recommendations in Adam Riedi's report will be completed by contractors.

Adam Riedi is our specialist Arboriculturist whose clients include the National Trust and Edinburgh Town Council. He has worked for the Garden's Committee for approximately five years since I first engaged him and he prepares periodic detailed reports to ensure the health of the tree population in the Garden and the safety of the trees in all weathers so far as possible. This year Adam Riedi has re-tagged all the trees and made a detailed scale tree position plan and map of the trees so that he has complete records of the situation of each individual tree in the Garden and can professionally monitor the health and safety of the tree population in the Garden.

Due to the weather one tree could not be dealt with on 5th December and this will be included in the next phase of works to complete all the immediate recommendations in Adam Riedi's report.

Emergency tree work was carried out by Heartwood after Storm Alwyn last year to remove damaged branches at the top of the Leylandii trees. Adam Riedi considers the Leylandii require attention, either significant pruning or felling. Adam has kindly made a separate report on the Leylandii, which he forwarded just before Christmas and the Committee propose, once these options have been costed by tree surgeons, to put the alternative proposals for managing the Leylandii to a free vote of all proprietors as this seems the fairest and most democratic way of making a decision on this subject.

Turning to the gardener's activities, Richard de La Sueur's team were also present on 5th December and were able to co-operate with Heartwood to reduce the height of some of the bushes which had grown too tall for trimming. The gardener held a walk-about in the Garden on 16th September and as a result of discussion with proprietors an extensive programme of garden works was agreed and his quotes have been submitted. The gardener has already, as part of his contract, trimmed roadside growth, started to empty compost areas and spread contents on the beds, also filling various holes which have developed on the lawn. The gardener has also trimmed the privet hedge at the East end of the Garden.

A programme of lawn and path improvement was also quoted after the walk-about and it is likely this will be approved by the Committee at their next meeting, due shortly.

Items to report from last year are the refurbishing of the Garden shed, additional garden furniture, the new "PRIVATE" signs on the entrance gates and the removal of two benches which were felt to be beyond repair.

Further information about the Garden maintenance and management can be found on the Garden's website and my periodic Newsletters also provide such information.

Wishing all Proprietors a peaceful 2026,  
Angus Tod (Chair Grosvenor and Lansdowne Crescent Gardens Committee)