



Significant planting took place in 2025, with some plants being bought and others grown at our allotment by the Green Team.

Plants introduced include:

- 500 bulbs of mixed varieties
- 140 individual plants
- 2 Orange Ball trees
- 1 Mimosa tree
- 3 Heritage roses

Our Friends of Crescent Garden website and Facebook page have highlighted our achievements throughout the year. Much of the success is due to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, the Green Team, who give their time freely each week to keep Crescent Garden looking at its best throughout the year for you all to enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The plant sale is on Saturday 16 May 10am - 4pm. Heritage plants, flowers, shrubs and vegetables will be on sale, along with cups of tea and delicious homemade cakes for you to enjoy.

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY - 'PIMMS IN THE PARK'

Our summer garden party is on Saturday 20 June 6 - 8 pm. Come and enjoy, Pimms No1 cup, Mocktails, canapés, strawberries & cream, live music and raffle prizes.

AUTUMN TALK - ALVERSTOKE PAST & PRESENT

This year's Autumn talk, by Richard and Elaine Martin is in Alverstoke Parish Centre on 6 October 7 - 9 pm.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ON ALL UPCOMING EVENTS



Head Gardeners' Report

Crescent Garden (CG) is a Regency Garden. All plant species and varieties are British native or were introduced to Britain before 1850. Today all plants, shrubs and trees are bought in or grown on our allotment by the Green Team. .



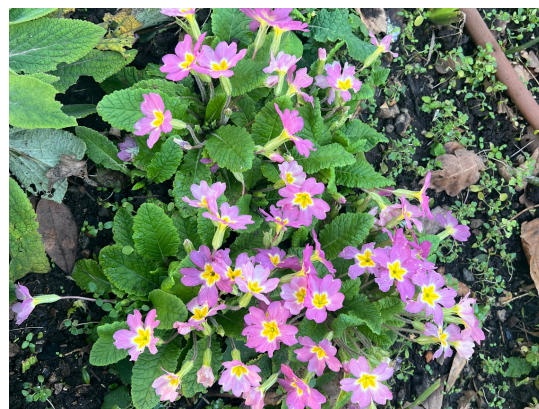
Each year, we agree a costed programme of works for CG and with Spring here it is good to see progress.

In February, we planted 100 single snowdrops under the strawberry tree at the East end of CG and transplanted white periwinkle plants and primroses.



Three new Stanwell Perpetual roses have been planted to screen the new electricity pillar in the railings bed.

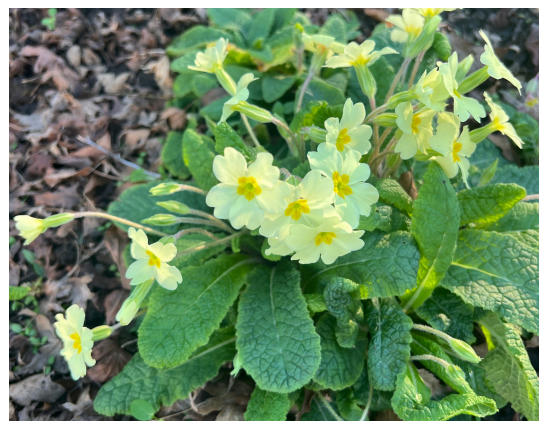
Two years ago we commenced replacing the dying Box hedging surrounding CG. To date 20 bare root yew plants have been planted with a further 50 being planted throughout March.



Three *Griselinia littoralis* trees have been planted in the West end compost area to provide screening.

In March the Head Gardeners wrote to Gosport Council (GBC) about:

- dog fouling: signs have now been erected at each of the four entrances to CG.
- the increase of graffiti: a response is awaited from Streetscene.



In June a walking group from Lee on Solent will be given a conducted tour with a talk on the history and botanical aspects of CG.

Crescent Garden has been entered for the Green Flag award for 2026 by GBC.

GBCs Ground Maintenance team will look at the condition of the CG railings, which are in need of maintenance.



Irene Buggle - Ginny Whelan - Martina Geeson

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is an increasing problem with owners failing to clear up their dog's mess. This presents a health hazard to children, families and volunteers working in the garden. Gosport Borough Council have responded by putting up more warning signs but owners must take responsibility for their dogs so we can all enjoy the garden safely. Thank you.



AGM

Our 32nd AGM was held on 28th February in St Mary's Parish Centre, Alverstoke. Our guest at the AGM was The Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Kirsten Bradley.



A presentation was given by Head Gardeners, Irene Buggle and Ginny Whelan setting out the many achievements and the awards:

- Gold award, best in category for South East in Bloom Small Parks.
- Best in category gold award Public Attraction. Gosport in Bloom.
- Gold Award for most unusual garden plant., Gosport in Bloom.
- Best Bee & Butterfly Garden, Gosport in Bloom.
- Best Wildlife Garden, Gosport in Bloom.
- 20th Green Flag Award.



Minutes of the AGM can be found on our website.

Stepping down from the Committee were Chair, Elaine Martin, Treasurer, Tony Morrall and committee member Maureen Bell. All were thanked for their many years of dedicated service to Friends of Crescent Garden. A special thanks and appreciation was given to Elaine Martin for her 10 years of leadership as Chair.



The new committee for 2026/27

Chair: Steve Buggle

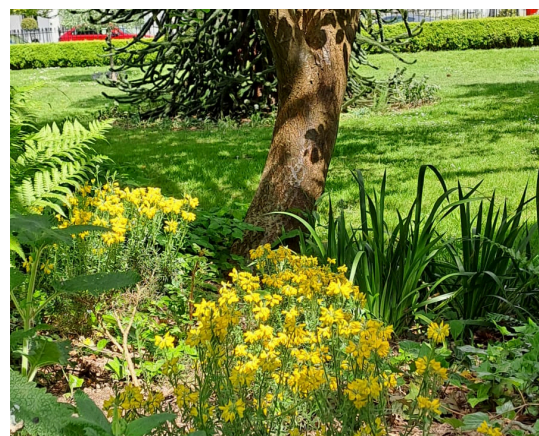
Honorary Secretary: Gina Rowe

Honorary Treasurer: Irene Buggle

Membership Secretary: Guy Sitwell

Committee Members:

Ginny Whelan, Rita Rundle, Trevor Barker, Ginny Day, Martina Geeson, Gaye Spencer and Tony Billings.



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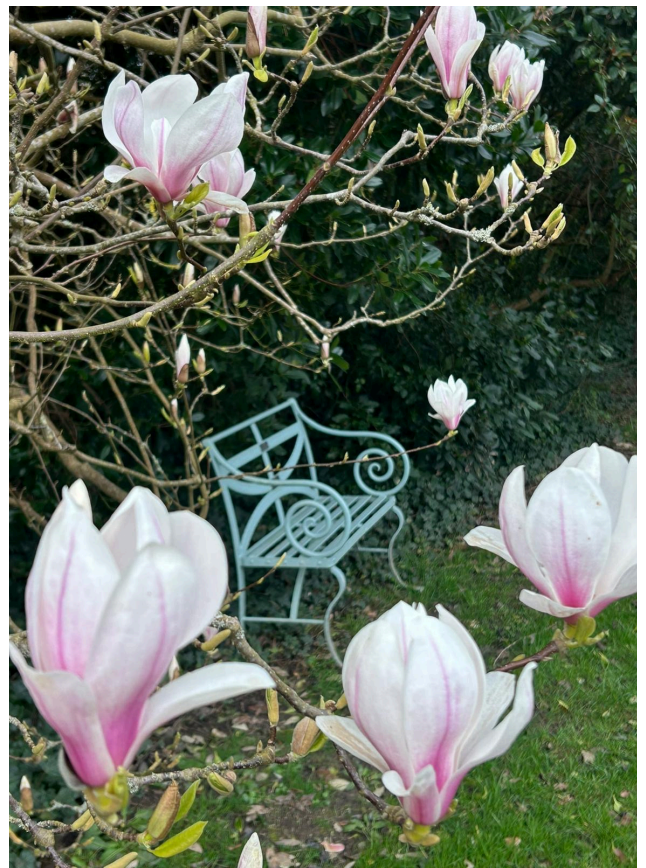
Our famous PLANT SALE is on:
Saturday 16 May 10:00 – 16:00

Heritage plants, garden flowers and vegetables are for sale at reasonable prices. Gardenalia, craftwork, homemade jams and chutneys are also on sale. Be sure to get there early to have the pick of the plants.

Enjoy a cup of tea with a slice of homemade cake sitting in beautiful surroundings.

Donations of plants and homemade cakes are very welcome. Contact Irene on 07501147938.

All monies raised support the upkeep of Crescent Garden and support the National Garden Scheme.



Friends of Crescent Garden SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

PIMMS in the PARK

Saturday 20 June 6 – 8 pm

FoCG Members and their Guests
Ticket Entry only
Smart Casual dress code

For ticket information visit our website:
www.alverstokecrescentgarden.co.uk

PIMMS IN THE PARK

Menu

- Pimms No 1 Cup
- Mocktail
- Soft drinks
- A variety of Canapés
- Vegan Canapés
- Strawberries & Cream

Entertainment

- Live Music
- Wonderful Raffle Prizes

Terms & Conditions

- FoCG Members and their guests
- Entry by ticket only
- Smart casual dress code
- Entry for children under 12 is free
- Parents responsible for their children
- No dogs except guide dogs

Force Majeure

If in circumstances beyond our control the event has to be curtailed, postponed or cancelled the ticket money will not be refunded and we would instead look to rearrange the event if possible.

VOLUNTEERING

Join our team of volunteers, the 'Green Team' who meet every Wednesday morning to plant, prune, cut and clear to keep this, unique, historic, beautiful, award winning garden looking its best throughout the year. Its not all work as there is a strong social side as well with organised outings and visits to other historic gardens and sites.

To find out more come along for a coffee and a chat at 11:00 am any Wednesday morning to find out more. We are a friendly bunch and you will receive a warm welcome.

Facebook: Gosport's Regency Garden