

**Ref:** 2020-055486

**Church:** Swindon: Christ Church

**Diocese:** Bristol

**Archdeaconry:** Malmesbury

## Form 4A

(Rule 6.2)

Public Notice  
(general form)

### **In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Bristol**

#### **In the parish of Christ Church Swindon**

#### **Church of Swindon: Christ Church**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:

To renovate the ashes rose garden so that it is a neat, tidy and peaceful place for friend and friends to visit loved ones.

1. To cut all the current rose bushes and small shrubs in the ashes rose garden to ground level and use systemic weedkiller to kill the roots;

2. To preserve the current position of the commemorative plaques, the ground will be grid mapped in 2 metre squares to establish their current placements. The plaques will then be removed and a decorative weed suppressing mulch ( the product is called Stulch) will be applied;

3. The plaques will then be relocated and the next 2 metre area will be completed. As part of this process, we will record the names of all those whose ashes are here, whether remembered by plaques or not, so that we can create an searchable electronic record for posterity and a written record to hold in the church;

4. To remove the need to disturb the ground itself and to improve its reduced fertility, we propose to introduce a number of raised beds down the middle of each of the strips of garden. This will enable us to refresh the soil and introduce structural and succession planting to provide colour and interest from Spring through to Autumn. The raised bed containers will be rectangular design of welded 6mm steel construction – 4.5 mtrs long x .5 mtr high by .5 mtr wide. To create further interest and flexibility, we also intend to have some circular beds of similar steel construction - .5 mtrs wide by .5 mtrs high.

The beds will be made up, without bases, and will simply sit on the existing surface.  
An existing water supply will provide trickle irrigation during prolonged dry periods;

5. The access paths will be levelled and replaced with a uniform, fine gravel surface. All path edges will be contained by 6mm steel edge. A Golpa erosion control honeycomb base support system will be used to stabilise the gravel and ensure that it remains in place and will provide suitable support for wheel chair access and a safe, level footing;

6. As part of the plan we intend to remove and decommission the redundant window lighting features which block the main path through the garden itself. This will improve access; and

7. The grassed edges of the garden and paths will be relaid and finished with steel curbing to create a neat and easy to maintain look.

The introduction of a shipping container for storage had been part of this application; however, it was subsequently removed.

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at

<https://www.christchurchswindon.co.uk/blog/2021/01/rose-garden-plans/>

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*(If changes to a church are proposed, a copy of the petition and of any designs, plans, photographs and other documents that were submitted with it must be displayed in the church or at another place where they may be conveniently inspected by the public and if the petition is submitted through an online system, those documents must also be publicly available for inspection online.)*

Petitioners:

1. STEPHEN GROSVENOR, CHAIR BUILDINGS COMMITTEE
2. DANIEL PITT, PCC MEMBER
3. REV SIMON STEVENETTE, VICAR

Date 06/01/2021

**If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter or email stating the grounds of your objection to The Diocesan Registrar at**

Diocesan Registry  
14 Market Place  
WELLS  
BA5 2RE

[bristolregistry@harris-harris.co.uk](mailto:bristolregistry@harris-harris.co.uk)

**so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than 05/02/2021. A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.**

### **Directions to petitioner**

You must display this public notice (or a copy of it) for a continuous period of not less than 28 days, not counting the day on which it was put up or the day on which it is taken down, (or for such other period as the Court may direct and subject to any special directions of the registrar) in each of the following places:

1. on a notice board or in some other prominent position inside the church; and
2. on a notice board outside the church or in some other prominent position (whether on the outside of the church door or elsewhere) so that it can be read by the public.