



# *Battle Town Council*



## **Agreement with Beautiful Battle Committee**

1. The Town Council wishes to work in partnership with the Beautiful Battle Committee in order to enhance the environment of the town. This agreement reflects that partnership and specifically sets out the following details of the maintenance service relating to the Almonry garden. It replaces the original garden agreement of September 2006 and subsequent versions thereof.
2. In relation to the Almonry garden the service is defined as day to day tasks such as weeding, pruning and leaf and litter clearing, as well as any new planting agreed by the Town Council, the cost of which will be met by the Town Council. It specifically excludes grass cutting and any repairs to hard landscaping. In the event that the Beautiful Battle Committee identify the need for such repairs they should be reported to the Town Clerk.
3. The Town Council will also discuss with the Beautiful Battle Committee ideas for enhancing the planting in the garden within the concept of creating a scheme which properly reflects the Council's desire to move away from bedding displays to more permanent planting in a cottage garden style. The cost of such changes or any other agreed improvements will be borne by the Town Council.
4. The Beautiful Battle Committee will nominate a person to co-ordinate the volunteers who will carry out the maintenance programme. The nominee will meet regularly with the Chairman of the Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee or his nominated delegate to agree the forward programme and review the work carried out. In addition, Beautiful Battle will provide regular written reports to the Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee.
5. The Beautiful Battle Committee will ensure that all volunteers have a good knowledge of horticulture and have experience in using the basic tools and equipment required as well as fertilisers. In no circumstances should weedkillers or pesticides be used without the Council's approval. In the event of any accident or injury involving a volunteer this should be reported immediately to the Town Clerk.
6. The Town Council will provide all tools and equipment required to undertake the service. The Beautiful Battle Committee will be responsible for ensuring that they are used in a safe and proper manner.
7. All material arising from the service such as weeds, prunings and similar matter shall be placed in refuse sacks to be provided by the Council. These will be removed by the Council workforce. Should agreement be reached about the creation of a compost heap within the garden such material will be recycled accordingly.
8. In addition to the Almonry garden this agreement also acknowledges the service provided by the Beautiful Battle Committee in relation to the maintenance of the planting on the Abbey Green and the associated lamppost baskets.
9. The agreement covers the 3 year period beginning 1 April 2015 but is subject to regular review and may be terminated by either party at any time.

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10. As part of these arrangements, the Council will set aside the following sums to a specific budget heading 'Beautiful Battle' commencing 1 April 2015:

For the year	2015-16	-	£3050
	2016-17	-	£3050 (minimum sum)
	2017-18	-	£3050 (minimum sum)

The Beautiful Battle Committee undertakes to utilise the funds within this budget heading to the further enhancement of the town's environment.

11. The Town Council currently has public liability insurance cover which is renewed in October each year. The inclusion of this clause obviates the need for Beautiful Battle Committee to check each year as it will be the Town Council's responsibility to ensure that all necessary insurance cover is maintained.

12. Any request by the Beautiful Battle Committee to amend the terms of this agreement should be made in writing by 31 December in any year.

Signed  
For Battle Town Council  
Date

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