



August 2024



Garden Maintenance

July 2026



Problem Statement

- It has been agreed with the Beaufield Gate Directors that the grounds maintenance has been dropping in standard since August 2024 – See image on Page 2
- Whereas we appreciate that 2025 & 2026 has been an extremely warm spring and summer, with very little rain, we need the grounds to be more defined, respecting wildlife such as bumble bees and birds:
 - Pathways adjacent to Flats 9-12 have been a tad overgrown, as well as the path leading to the rear gate (although recently cleared)
 - Lower ground areas (in front of flats 1, 2, 7, & 9) need attention moving forward
 - Pollarding tree branches adjacent to Flat 1 and 3 is required to improve daytime light
 - The hedges around the front of Beaufield Gate (parking areas, and adjacent to museum grounds) are far too high, estimates are between 13ft and 17ft and these need to be cut down to 8-9ft, which will reduce future maintenance effort
 - Also hedges which are being overshadowed by other plants, for example by parking bay 8, need attention
 - More trimming/pollarding/cutting of trees, shrubs, and plants in rear garden

See Photos – Slides 7 & 8

Issues & Risks

We need to work with neighbouring buildings at side of Beaufield Gate to:

- Remove Bamboo plant close to old brick wall by L curve on pathway to rear garden
- Remove and kill ivy and any other creeping plants that are hindering neighbouring property gutters - *See supporting photos*
- Check Ivy roots growing on adjacent properties do pose a structural risk to walls (thick roots) – *See supporting photos*

Progress Update

In August 2026, the Beaufield Gate Contractors visited and resolved majority of highlighted problems with Garden Maintenance

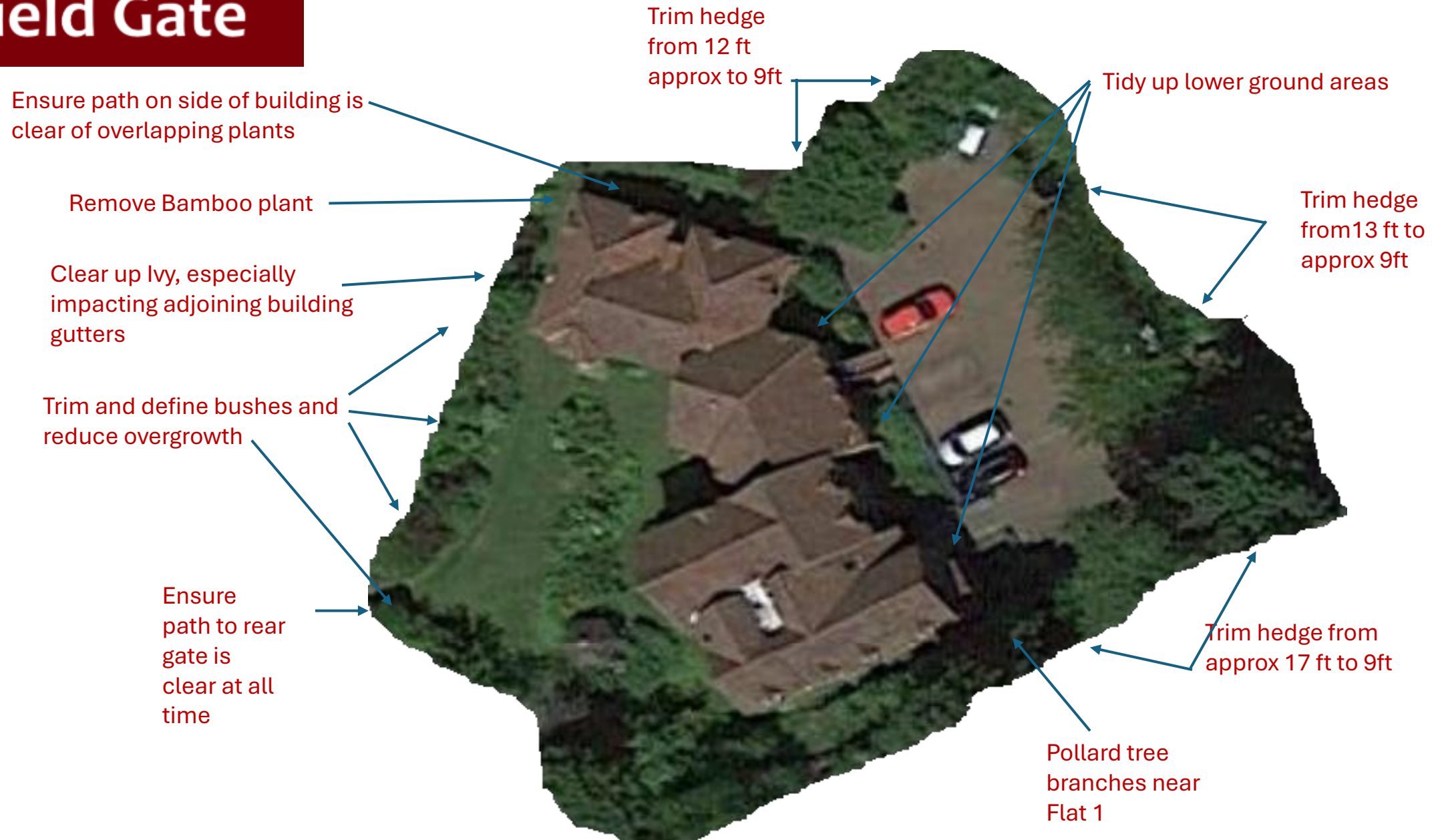
Completed:

- *Rear communal gardens shrubs trimmed, and central plant area tidied up*
- *Front communal gardens / parking area hedges shortened and trimmed, including side hedge tree pollarding by Flats 1, 3, & 6*
- *Dead shrub, by Flat 9 cut down and removed*
- *Trim of bush in front of Flat 9-bathroom window, next to communal entrance*

Outstanding:

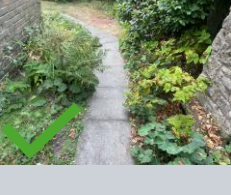
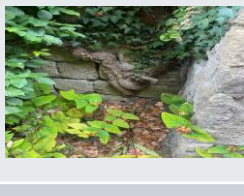
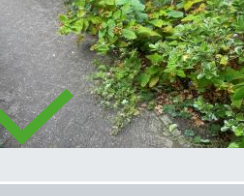
- *Lower ground areas in front of flat 1, 2, 7, & 9 still need more work albeit a dead shrub was cut down (by flat 9)*
- *Ivy roots best left alone, and responsibility of neighbouring property. If this was to be addressed, it would require partial dismantling of stone wall*

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Supporting Photos - BEFORE

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	Bamboo plant requiring removal		Pollard trees to improve lighting for flat 1 & 3		Cut this hedge / plant down to 8-9 ft height
	Example of lower ground areas (Flats 1, 2, 7, 9) – Dead plant removed		Cutdown hedge to 8-9 ft high (circa 17ft at moment)		Is these plant species being allowed to grow too large?
	By Parking Bay 8, cut down hedge and remove non native growth behind		Cutdown hedge to 8-9 ft high (circa 17ft at moment)		Pathways need to be clear of plants and shrubs
	By parking bay 7 Cutdown hedge to about 8-9ft high		ISSUE – Is there a structural risk to wall? Wall facing f9-12 communal entrance		Pathways clear of plants and shrubs
	Cutdown hedge to 8-9ft high		Plant growth needs trimming, impact to neighbouring properties guttering		Creeper/Ivy growing and impacting neighbour gutters

Ivy and wisteria growth is responsibility of neighbouring properties

Advised not to treat Ivy as this needs dismantling of wall, and originates from neighbouring property

Supporting Photos – AFTER – August 2026

Front
Communal
/ Parking
Area



Side of F9-
F12



Rear
Communal
Garden



Great work from Gardening Contractors. Outstanding is:

- Tidy up lower ground areas in front of Flats 1, 2, 7 and side of 9 **(1)**
- Trim hedges/shrubs near rear gate **(2)**

