



Prospect Green Management Plan November 2024



Situated between Rabling Road (east border), Victoria Avenue (south border), Prospect Crescent (West border), and Greengage Nursery, Prospect Green is a small park intended for public recreational use, providing a pocket park and increasing biodiversity in this location.

The lower south part of the park consists of flower bedding, with various species of perennial plants, ornamental shrubs and trees which include:

- Phormium
- Euphorbia
- Pulmonaria officinalis
- Geranium
- Carex grass
- Iris
- Heather
- Penstemon
- Nepeta
- Lavender
- Hebe
- Iberis
- Ilex Aquifolium
- Chamaecyparis
- Cordyline

Adjacent to this is a small seating area

The central feature of the park is the Winstone Churchill Tree, planted in 1965 in honour of Winston Churchill this Coast Redwood is a familiar feature to locals and popular due to its unusual shape and character. This tree, shown below, forms one of the features within the Tree of Swanage tree trail compiled by the Greening Swanage group in 2022.

There are 4 kidney shaped islands of meadow areas each planted with fruit trees. There are 10 in total comprising:

- Apples (*Malus domestica*)
- Pears (*Pyrus communis*)
- Walnut (*Juglans regia*)
- Cherry (*Prunus avium*)
- Medlar (*Mespilus germanica*)
- Greengage (*Prunus domestica* ssp. *italica*)

The role of these areas is to increase plant and insect biodiversity.

Bordering the park there are also a small number of *Crataegus monogyna* and *Tilia cordata*.

Maintenance

Flower beds are weeded, plants thinned/replaced as needed, beds are routinely topped up with woodchips mulch.

Grass area- cut regularly throughout the year

Islands of meadow – These areas are cut in autumn, plant material is removed, and meadow seed is scattered. Previous scattering of yellow rattle and plug planting of wildflower species has been undertaken.

Trees – are regularly inspected in accordance with the Council's adopted Tree Policy and Strategy and low branches that encroach into the pavement are removed.

