

A range of familiar flowers and grasses will be planted to complement the existing Roses. Plants will be chosen for their colour, scent and texture and their meaning and association with everyday life.

Planting beds will be reshaped to create wider paths for wheelchair access.

A bird bath sculpted of stoneware will provide focus to the garden all year round; be a calming and reflective element and a symbol for life.

Proposals for the Rose garden seek to provide a beautiful and special place to visit and remember, reflect, grieve or recall happy moments associated with all stages of life.

Some of the roses will be replaced with planting of simple flowers such as daisies, forget-me-nots and honeysuckle that may evoke memories of childhood. The scent of wisteria, rosemary and lavender remind of the family's kitchen garden and violets are often associated with the loss of a loved one; roses and gypsophylla may remind of a wedding day. The new planting will soften the feel of the garden and mark the seasons with highlights all year round.

The existing planting beds in the centre will be carefully reshaped to allow better access to touch, smell and allow flowers to be by picked.

Water in a large dished bird bath reflects the sky and provides an calming element. Water is often used as a symbol for life. The bird bath can be a new landmark in the Park and attracts wildlife to observe.

Selective lowering of the existing shrub planting to the southern boundary will allow views to Poole Park Lake beyond and visually connect the garden with the rest of the Park and everyday life.

Additional proposals subject to further funding:

- Resin bonded gravel surface to the paths;
- Improvements to the garden entrances including threshold paving and signage;
- A pergola and Wisteria walk; and
- Planting to Parkstone Road boundary.

Existing shrubs will be carefully cut back to allow views to Poole Park Lake whilst providing shelter from the wind.



# Sensory Garden Project

## The Rose Garden - a Place for Memories and Reflection