

# Barbers Piles 'A Maritime Garden'

As part of the final phase of the Townside Access and Hunger Hill project, improvements will be carried out to Barbers Piles open space. Works will create a 'Maritime Garden' in celebration of Poole's local heritage. New paths, entrances and seating will provide a quiet amenity space for residents and a local destination for visitors.

Coastal planting has been carefully chosen for its wonderful texture, seasonal interest and suitability as a nectar source for invertebrates. Bat boxes will be installed to support the local bat population.

Selective pruning and removal of dead/declining trees this autumn has opened up views down towards Poole's Lifting Bridge, a key landmark to the south, whilst it was ensured that the mature wooded character of the site to the north is maintained to form a buffer to the adjacent housing.

At the southern entrance to the Garden will be a paved square with bespoke seating.

A new gateway sculpture which features six stainless steel birds in flight, will be placed along the boundary to West Quay Road. This represents both the wildlife of Poole Harbour and local metalworking heritage through the ages.



## KEY

- 01 Central lawn
- 02 Low perimeter railings
- 03 Wide entrances demarcated with piers/feature posts
- 04 New path link
- 05 Planting of ornamental grasses
- 06 Maritime plant border
- 07 Proposed seating
- 08 Bat boxes installed in existing trees
- 09 Entrance square with sculptural seating
- 10 Cycle parking
- 11 Series of sculptures inspired by birds of Holes Bay

