

A Garden Transformed

This year one of the gardens in Church Way displayed photos of what the garden originally looked like when they first moved in. Many people were very interested in how it had been developed, so with the permission of the owners I have reproduced some of their photos of what the garden was like in 2015, work in progress and what it looks like today. This garden has been open three times now and has changed each time as their son grows and they redesign it with him in mind.

The owners take great pride in using recycled items whenever possible and have a delightfully quirky garden.



Here is a picture taken in 2015, when they took over the garden.

Work in progress



The same patio area in 2017 and 2021. See how that hedge has grown!



General views of the garden in 2019 and today.



The vegetable garden and the aviary





The pond and fountain in 2017, were moved to another area to make space for a new hen house and playhouse in 2021

Here is the owners' own description of their garden, which I had to shorten to fit on the programme.

I think their enthusiasm shines through!

"It all started 5 years ago from scratch as an empty sad looking space to grow into a lovelier and exciting Mediterranean style garden. Created with lots of recycled items and dotted around with some quirky objects; roses, lavenders, fuchsias, fruit trees and so many other bee and butterfly loving plants and berries all over to enjoy. You may see some colourful dragonflies dancing over the pond!! And some fairies might be hidden in and around the plants for little visitors...

Rose and lavender on the driveway will be welcoming you to our house with sweet scents at the front. Mediterranean patio and trailing vine tree and roses on hand crafted pergola by the owners at the back will certainly remind you of relaxing holidays by the sea abroad!

Further up you will notice the Secret Garden gate with an arch made by a shrub tree from New Zealand! Rub the leaves with your fingers, you will smell the most exciting lemony smell.

The waterfall and the fish pond will be so peaceful to sit and watch to have a little rest in this part of the garden with a sound of little budgies from the aviary. Next to the aviary you may notice the berry corner with gooseberries, yellow berries, red currants, blueberries and strawberries...

Further up, the garden ends with a hand crafted little gardener's shed in the middle, Cluckingham Chicken Palace and a green house on either side with raised vegetable beds in front of them. Certainly lots to look at :-). We hope we will be able to unlock your imagination as well as we have our garden, to share with you and give you a little bit of enjoyment..."