Batcombe, Westcombe and District Horticultural Society: Proposal for the War Memorial Garden

October 2026

Following a successful year of fundraising, the Horticultural Society proposes using a substantial proportion of the funds raised to restore and replant the War Memorial Garden.

The Horticultural Society proposes to fund the procurement of plants, planting and the purchase of a metal bench from its fundraising proceeds. Before work begins, we will agree the final plan, bench specification and position with the Parish Council, together with access arrangements and any permissions required. We will also submit a risk assessment and schedule of works to the Parish Council for all proposed activity.

The planting to the back right and back middle does not necessarily need any work other than trimming and tidying.

A large conifer on the left and part of a large shrub have died. We propose removing both and replacing them with a crab apple tree, fresh compost, and underplanting a wide selection of bulbs. We also propose placing a metal bench behind the war memorial, to the left, in approximately the style and position shown below. This would provide a place for people to sit and reflect while enjoying the view of the church.

We also propose removing most of the plants from the front borders on either side of the steps and replanting them with a calm, reflective scheme. The planting would be designed to provide colour and interest throughout the year. Bulbs would be interspersed to fill seasonal gaps. The aim is to create a peaceful garden where people can sit and reflect.

The Horticultural Society would also be willing to take responsibility for the garden s ongoing routine maintenance, subject to agreeing the scope and arrangements with the Parish Council.



