

## **Grounds Report 2025**

Major projects last year

Completed clearing West side of Court 2 and weed control material and new planting.

Took out large overgrown Fir tree which was threatening to break down fence. Thanks to Rob and Ed for chain saw assistance and Richard for clearing branches to dump.

Replaced rotten timbers on shed roof and rear wall and re-roofed with felt. Thanks to Paul D. for assistance. Shed will need some base timbers replacing in the next year or we are looking at a replacement at a cost of £1200+

Maintained verges and external shrubbery. Mostly done by Monica. Big thanks for all her consistently hard work.

Both mowers repaired and serviced. Thanks to Sean Thomas (official builder to square) for loan of his mower.

On going stuff...

Gardening morning last year well supported. As ever the focus on keeping the bigger shrubs on the East side of the courts under control.

Hedging plants on South side of court (replacements for the diseased box hedge) fed and watered during dry periods and now doing well.

Continued Greenthumb quarterly treatments of court one. Treated Court 2 with weed control and feed.

Marked out Court 2 with additional lines for Pickle Ball court. This is a version of short tennis which alongside Padel was the fastest growing sport in the world for the past 5 years. Gloucester - as usual - lags a little behind but most tennis clubs are now recognising the demand and the number of courts continues to grow. FYI we bought bats and balls and these are kept in the shed for those wishing to play, although I would recommend buying your own Padel balls/bats if you get serious.

The children's tennis net will be assembled at the same time as the main courts are opened and the moveable net can be placed sideways on one side of the court 2. For those wishing to introduce their children to the game bats and balls are also stored in the shed.

Gardening morning.

Plan on doing an early summer session to take down the East side shrubs. Not sure of date yet due to various commitments but will give a couple of weeks notice at least.