

Business in the community projects 17 September 2010

Dance studio

Challenge: To apply mirrors to two walls in the dance studio.

This facility is used by over 200 children and adults a week; it would benefit greatly from 2 of walls having full length mirrors to assist tutor and pupils in assessing form, technique and posture. The mirrors must comply with **BS 6206B** in order to meet Health & Safety requirements.

The areas to be covered measure 2 metres in height the longer wall being 7mtrs 90cm in the length the shorter 3mtrs 60.



If the mirror comes predrilled all that will be required will be an electric drill with masonry bits and fixings rawlplugs/anchor bolts, possibly some adhesive depending on the manufacturer's recommendations

Garden

Challenge: To replicate (approximately) an existing bed on a slope bank area adjacent to large car park.

This bed would complement and enhance our garden project, which has been ongoing for some time. The garden is intended as a facility that can be used by the whole community, for picnics, a quiet reflective area, or as a 'green' space; the intention is to give a sense of ownership to the community and encourage maximum participation in the project. We have dedicated quite a lot of resources over the 3-4 years, however we had underestimated the size and costs involved; we are fully committed to this project but realised that we must enlist some outside help.

To that end we have developed the adopt a plot scheme, with some (limited) success and made several appeals for plant donations. The area is used by centre users and local residences but not as much as we would like or had intended, we believe that the continued development of this area will attract additional use.



The bed (shown in the two top pictures) is 2mtrs x 7mtrs 90 and framed in timber, planting consists of;

Cordyline Palm, Hebe, Crocosmia (Emily Mckenzie), Lavender, Sedum, Laurel, Periwinkle and Geranium which is sparse but supplemented with bedding in spring (ideally this could be added too). The lower picture depicts the site of the proposed bed; I have contacted the local council depot and

enquired about the possibility of acquiring a delivery of soil and some plants (awaiting reply). This will require approximately 6 tonnes of top soil timber edging material sleepers

or telegraph poles and planting. There will be a requirement to seed the areas around to be brought back to lawn.

Car Parks

Challenge: To line out parking bays, to make best use of available space and maximise parking capacity.

The Centre benefits from two parking areas; however neither are lined and parking on many occasions is haphazard and somewhat chaotic, whilst lining out designated bays will not completely eliminate the problem it will be a vast improvement on the current situation. It would also be very desirable to have dedicated handicapped parking bays, to aid our less mobile patrons, I believe the smaller car park would accommodate 12-14 bays, the larger area would accommodate approximately 30-35 spaces.



This will require the production of a frame or template to accurately mark out the bays, a quantity of white and yellow masonry paint (good weather, out of my hands!!).