

## The Crinkle Crankle Garden

When permission was granted to build the block of four flats on the south side of King Edward Place, in a corner of what had been the Old Rectory garden, the developer agreed to transfer the rest of the plot to the Parish Council as a public garden for the benefit of all Wheathampstead residents.

First, the Parish Council chose a design from a range produced by garden designer Jackie Gough. The work was put out to tender and the successful contractor did the major landscaping work early in 2019. The garden was then handed over to the Council.



Next, the Council prepared a brief for the planting and garden designer Judy Shardlow was commissioned to prepare a scheme. This was approved by the Project Team which was made up of members of the Council, the Wheathampstead & District Preservation Society (WDPS), and a member of the public.

The funding for the plants was provided by a generous legacy from the late Derek Hills who was a parish councillor for many years.

The plants were bought and a series of volunteer working parties completed the planting by the end of 2019. The volunteers, now known as the Friends of the Community Crinkle Crankle Garden, continue to play a key part in watering and maintaining the garden, organised by WDPS.

A number of benches have been placed in the garden, all donated by local residents and most in memory of a departed loved one.