

Your Help Needed

There are two flower beds in the main drive outside the front door at Asbury Overseas House at Selly Oak. Over the years they have got overgrown and tired. The staff and residents said how much more welcoming it would be if these beds were tidied and replanted.

When the bionic woman investigated, the beds are herb gardens with some plants overdue for removal, needing to be cut back to revive themselves, and others quite exciting herbs.

They now have a new design retaining and identifying the better of the herbs with additional planting to bring colour through the year.

Residents and staff will do the work on Thursday 27 April between 10.30am to 3.00pm.

Can you help please

1. Come and join us on the day even for a half hour
2. Do you have any cuttings or spares of the plants in the table below
3. Would you donate towards buying those plants we can't scrounge
4. Can you help with any fertilizer or compost to enrich a tired soil
5. If you can help please get in touch with Margaret Rumens 0121 705 4126 or margaret.rumens@btinternet.com

Name of Plant	No.	Effect in garden
Acer – red (preferably low growing variety)	1	Red foliage in spring/summer – autumn colour
Acer – green (preferably low growing variety)	1	Fresh green foliage in spring/summer – autumn colour
Azalea – any (low growing if possible)	2	Spring flower colour
2 Camellia – any but different colour flowers if possible	2	Spring flower – glossy foliage all year
Choisya ternata 'Sundance'	2	Golden foliage all year
Cornus – green stems	1	Winter stem colour
Red stems	1	
Euonymus 'Emerald Gaiety'	1	Green/white low growing
Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald 'n Gold'	1	Green/yellow low growing
Hydrangea – any	2	Bold late summer flowers
Hypericum – any – not the low growing ground cover	1	Bright yellow flowers in summer – some have berries in autumn
Ilex x aquifolium 'Argentia Marginata'	1	Green/white variegated all year
Ilex x alterclarensis 'Golden King'	1	Green/gold variegated all year
Mahonia x 'Charity'	2	Architectural shrub - spectacular yellow flowers in spring.
Pernettya - any	2	Attractive flowers in summer followed by coloured berries
Pieris 'Forest Flame'	2	Pinky red foliage in spring turning cream then green. White lily of the valley scented flowers.
Skimmia – any	2	Good evergreen foliage with white flowers in spring. With more than one plant red berries are often produced.
Vinca (periwinkle) – any	2 or more	Ground cover with blue or violet flowers. Plain or variegated.
There are some plants which would be very useful to fill gaps		
Heathers – all kinds any colours. Winter flowering varieties would be good. Lavender – any varieties Bulbs would give winter, spring and summer colour. Snowdrops, Crocus, Daffodils, Anemones, Aconites		