

## **Report to the RCC from the Garden Advisory Group Dec 2021**

In accordance with the January 2021 decision of the RCC we renewed the membership of the Gardens Advisory Group in October / November 2021. We received far more applications than we had places with a large number of excellent candidates. The choice of who to leave out was very difficult.

We filled all 10 places on the Group, including representatives from the Barbican Wildlife Garden and from the Barbican Horticultural Society. Most of the members are new but we were fortunate to retain some experience. Many thanks are due to Christopher Makin for his smooth, efficient management of the whole process. The Garden Advisory Group members now are:

Marta Battaglia (Lauderdale)  
Tessa Bryde Williams (Bryer)  
Jim Durcan (Andrewes)  
Rosamund Herrington (Seddon)  
Peter Inskip (Shakespeare)  
Jakki Moxham (Gilbert)  
Jo Rodgers (Breton)  
Liz Simpson (Seddon)  
Chris Vause (Cromwell)  
Kate Wood (Brandon Mews).

We held our first meeting outside in late November. The brisk cold wind meant we had more than enough ventilation to stay safe and not enough warmth to stay long. It was very helpful to meet face to face and introduce ourselves as well as discussing the work of the Group.

Members of the Gardens Advisory Group carried out their inspections of the Barbican Gardens in December and then reviewed their findings at a meeting on January 4th.

December does not show the gardens at their best but the reports are consistent in their appreciation of the changes that have been made to the planting with a wider variety of shrubs and plants and the improvements in the various water features. The large number of evergreen shrubs continue to provide splashes of colour. In addition the grasses and the rushes look quite spectacular.

Jim Durcan  
Chair  
Gardens Advisory Group