

20th Sept, 2022

Horse Chestnut trees

Initially we had believed just two of the Horse Chestnuts in the flower bed opposite the Hotel would need to be removed but following further inspection it was found that all 5 were infected and suffering from 'bleeding Canker disease'. The only solution was to remove them as unfortunately there is no chemical control currently available.

The probable cause and a major factor in their decline is a combination of their size and the lack of soil depth in that area. Leaving them there would have endangered infecting other trees.

Over the next 4 - 5 weeks the trees will be replaced with 5 Parrotiapersica 'Vanessa' (Persian Ironwood) and a series of 5 Flower beds will also be created under the trees.

Parrotiapersica 'Vanessa'

Is an upright tree with attractive, flaking bark and small red flowers on bare stems in late winter and early spring. The young foliage is red and bronze turning green for summer then producing spectacular autumn colour with shades of red, orange and purple

Foliage: Deciduous

Habit : Columnar upright

Pros: red flowers in early spring/ good autumn colour

Cons: none to note

It has received the RHS award for garden merit due to its properties of hardiness, interesting features (bark, leaves etc) for all four seasons, size for medium sized garden, low maintenance and disease resistance.

Apart from the removal of the trees the usual Autumn pruning, moving some plants about and general garden maintenance shall be taking place over the next weeks.

