



The garden is evolving all the time seeing climbing plants introduced under the pergola and lavender lined paths. Herbs and edible crops now find themselves growing next to floral displays. Volunteers, schools and community groups regularly use the garden for educational and recreational activities.



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Volunteers are actively encouraged by Sedgemoor District Council to get involved with the management of this unique garden in. There is something for everyone gardening/pond care/ events management and even knitting as a way of fundraising! Regular meetings are held and the volunteers have an active say in the management of the garden and work with the community gardener to develop projects which encourage people to use the garden. This dedication and team work led to the garden achieving Green Flag Status and an RHS Neighbourhood award.

The garden has been beautifully restored and is being looked after by those who actively want it to remain this way for years to come, but don't take our word for it...

Take a gentle stroll past the Pavillion on the Esplanade towards St Andrews Church and behind the stone wall that provides a necessary shelter from the sea breeze lies the small but perfectly formed Marine Cove.



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A community garden in the heart of this Victorian Seaside Town

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About Marine Cove

A secluded garden situated to the northern end of this Victorian town's Esplanade, is an important part of the town's history. Marine Cove originally formed part of the Old Vicarage Estate, but in 1926 the land was gifted to the urban district council and the En Tout Cas Company was instructed to develop the land into a pleasure cove that would be enjoyed for years to come. In 1927 the gardens were officially opened by J B Braithwaite who was an influential man of the time, making several donations to the town. Crowds flocked to the ceremony which paraded along the Esplanade before lining the terraces to celebrate the event.

The style of the garden was influenced by Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll. There are structures within the garden and terrace walls are lined with fine turf there is also subtle planting around the pond.



The garden has remained unchanged in the main since its first creation, however with the exposure to the elements over time, caused the garden to fall into disrepair.

In 2007 an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and support from Burnham & Highbridge Town Council, Sedgemoor District Council and Viridor enabled the gardens to be restored, with the restoration being completed in 2011.

The project included replacing the lost benches, relining and repairing of the sunken pond, replacing the cherub fountain and ornamental lions head pool, crafting a new sundial and making the necessary repairs to the shelters, walls, pergola and lawns.



The repairs took 8 months to complete and included workshops on lime mortaring and pond management for the community.

The restoration was created with a view to actively encourage members of the community to help with its future management. The garden is maintained by The Friends of Marine Cove volunteers and Sedgemoor District Council. There is a dedicated Community Gardener working closely with volunteers, schools and community groups



Regular gardening sessions are held throughout the year and organised events. For up to date information check the website and notice board for more details or via the local press.

Crowning of the May Queen at the 2013 May Day celebrations



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