

CEMETERY FLOWER BED.



PROPOSAL:

Firstly, I would cut back the existing shrubs and remove unwanted plants. This can be done in November.

I will do a ph test on the soil.

Put in a timber (or similar border) with the purpose of holding back mulch. This can also be done over the winter.

The roses look unhealthy, I need to find out what they were like over the summer and if OK they need feeding.

I think a cemetery needs a butterfly attractor (Many civilizations believe butterflies are the symbol of a human soul) I would propose *Buddleja butterfly bush* which can be set in spring.

In the back we need some evergreen like *Rhododendron* or *Azalea* (Acid soil) planted in leaf mould and coffee grounds.

Brundle Gardens station is very nice, have a look at the *Michaelmas daisies* and *Callicarpa bodinieri Profusion* for long lasting colours.

I do not know if there are any bulbs but propose we plant more daffodils next autumn.

Fertiliser examples:

You can make a homemade fertilizer for roses using ingredients from your kitchen and home, such as banana peels, coffee grounds, egg shells, and Epsom salts:

1. **1. Banana peels**

Contain potassium, calcium, magnesium, phosphates, and sulfur, which can help roses fight disease and support their immune system.

2. **2. Coffee grounds**

Provide a nitrogen boost. However, coffee is acidic, so you may need to adjust the soil pH with lime or another alkaline source.

3. **3. Egg shells**

Can be used in a homemade fertilizer.

4. **4. Epsom salts**

Promote bloom color, greener foliage, and more vigorous cane growth. Apply in spring or at the time of planting.

Here's how to mix a homemade rose fertilizer:

1. Mix equal parts banana peels and coffee.
2. Add crushed egg shells and Epsom salts half the amount of the banana peels.
3. Make a small trench around the drip line of the roses and sprinkle the mixture in.