

Lauriston Castle Action Plan:

Objectives	Action	Timetable	Status
1. to ensure Lauriston Castle Gardens is welcoming and accessible to all possible users	Review of vehicle movement and parking requirements. Ensure any proposals meet council's active travel and transport projects.	2018	New accessible only signage erected Jan 2019, vehicle gate only used during limited specific times.
	Creation of formal parking layout	2018	Completed Oct 2018
	Investigate introducing charging for parking	2018	Still to be completed.
	Investigate road mirrors on main road for safe exit	2018	Completed – advised by Roads not suitable
	Review signage - information board requirements - more interpretation boards and positive message signage - including biodiversity and wildlife.	2018	New information board installed June 2018
	part of formal parking layout - introduce disabled parking bays.	2018	Completed Oct 2018 / location reviewed Nov 2018

<p>2. to ensure the safety of all staff and users of the gardens</p>	<p>Reintroduce picnic tables and review other seating</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>Still on-going</p>
	<p>Review access legislation for dog walkers - identify available options to ensure access for all</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>Completed – advice from access officer identifies no restrictions can be introduced. 2019</p>
	<p>Review dog signage - education & enforcement</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>Completed – SMART signage introduced 2019.</p>
	<p>Review all historical elements with view to repair</p>	<p>2019</p>	<p>On-going</p>
	<p>Investigate cost of restoring glasshouse - potential event space for community groups etc - income generation.</p>	<p>2019</p>	<p>On going – status sits with MAG</p>
	<p>Introduce path restoration programme - use of bark mulch in woodland areas</p>	<p>2019</p>	<p>Still to be completed – was put on hold due to resource issues during 2019/20 and has not been progressed to date. Will be rolled onto 2022/23.</p>

<p>3. to maintain the highest standards of horticulture, cleanliness, grounds and building maintenance.</p>	<p>Investigate litter management options with CEC street cleansing - introduction of recycling facilities.</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>New litter bins installed Jan 2019. Trial of wooden recycling bins proved unsuccessful and new bin housing to be introduced 2022/23.</p>
	<p>Review maintenance of gardens - options to reflect available resource's</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>To be completed</p>
	<p>Develop new planting/redevelopment plan</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>To be completed</p>
	<p>Investigate costs for pillar maintenance</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>On going</p>
	<p>Carry out a full facilities audit</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>4. to adopt environmental management principles and therefore reduce the impact of operations on the environment.</p>	<p>develop a site-specific biodiversity plan</p>	<p>2018</p>	<p>To be completed</p>
<p>5. to maintain and promote the historic significance of the gardens and promote</p>	<p>Introduce a pond maintenance programme and investigate culvert</p>	<p>2018</p>	

<i>biodiversity through appropriate management.</i>			
6. To encourage community involvement in the gardens	Investigate interest in the creation of a Friends Group	2018	Meeting with DM Community Group Jan 2019. Formal creation of Friends Group has been in place since 2019/20.
	Investigate community event days	2018	As above
	Look at volunteer days - link with friends group involvement	2018	As above
7. To encourage community involvement in the gardens	Develop and produce a marketing plan for the gardens and in conjunction with castle and museums and galleries.	2019	Still to be completed.
8 Ensure co-ordinated approach to management	Set up a management group to oversee the delivery of the management plan and other relevant business.	2018	Completed/on-going group started Jun 2018
	Hold management group meetings every 3 months	On-going	Completed as above – monthly management groups are chaired by MSM.
	Identify ways to increase income (sponsorship, events)	On-going	