

What's growing on?

The FBST Gardening Group Newsletter - *Winter 2025/26*



Boughs of Holly

In November, volunteers weeded, pruned, and removed dead branches in the northeast corner to reveal our lovely holly tree, nearly a decade old. Neighbours from around the Square then gathered on the last Sunday of the month to string lights, hang colourful baubles, and sing carols. Mulled wine and mince pies were a hit again this year, and we plan to continue this annual tradition!

Thanks to all the friends and neighbours who contributed Christmas cakes and baubles, and to those who helped raise £85 in donations for the refreshments and FBST garden fund.

Woodland Trust Trees

On Dec 19th the Council removed three diseased trees from the garden. Shortly after, we learned the FBST's application to Woodland Trust to replace the trees was successful. Silver birch, wild cherry, and Rowen will be planted this year.

Cast your vote for a garden tap

We're in the running for a grant from the Better Brighton & Hove Fund and need your help! Vote for the FBST Garden and help us win £10,000 for a much-needed water hookup and tap.

Go to the Better Brighton & Hove Fund page and cast your vote between April 1st - 4th. Once voting has closed, councillors in

each ward will bring their final list of schemes before the Council's Deputy Leader in April 2026.

Having raised nearly £750,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money, the Council wants you to have your say!

<https://yourvoice.brighton-hove.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/better-brighton-hove-fund/>

A Beloved Friend of the Garden

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of our long-term resident Joy Hole, who died on January 30th aged 94.

Joy and her late husband Rob were stalwarts of the Friends of Brunswick Square and Terrace, almost from its inception, and helped to make the Square what it is today. Joy was FBST Secretary for many years, including maintaining the membership list and collating regular newsletters in her flat. She was always so welcoming to those who attended the meetings.

She was instrumental in getting the circular North and South Eye beds reinstated into the gardens and enthusiastically attended all FBST events in the Square.

Joy was a lovely lady and a good friend to many; she will be greatly missed.



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