**Tour of garden with JW – Friends of Shrewsbury House plan for 2019**

**Things to do**

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| Spring 2019 | Maintain grounds as they are – start in front and work around the beds |
| Spring and summer | Take photos of what’s happening – note what’s doing well |
| Use edging iron to tidy beds/lawn |
| Tickle though soil with a fork, then mulch (get read of worse the weeds, but mulch will slow down the tiny weed growth |
| Be alert to nurturing attractive spots for photos |
| Run regular gardening days for people happy to help |
| Autumn 2019 | Planting – in some of the beds, stick to doing a little bit at a time |

Wildlife garden

Within reason, can look after itself.

* Remove leaves from pond
* Make sure Mares Tail is in a pond pot or it will take over
* Cut back buddleia if we want big flowers - if left, growth will diminish and flowers will be smaller
* Add a mulch at same time as pruning
* First pruning – cut back by 50%,
* Cut out tree growing out of wall – can finish off root with careful use of glyphosate
* Holly tree - could trim top now, make it smaller, not too tidy thoughor will look odd in wild garden

West facing wall (end of meadow)

* Trachelospermum
* Parthenocissus
* Wisteria (but 7 years to flower, unless grafted)

North facing wall

* Hedera goldheart
* Hedera colchica
* Jasmine
* Garrya elliptica (tasel bush)

Small lawn area

Flowering shrubs (nb check ph of soil and improve solid condition

* Forsythia
* Ribes sanguineum
* Virburnum bodnantense
* Japonica
* Chimonanthus (winter sweet)
* Chaenomeles
* Evergeens: mahonia, viburnum tinus
* Hydrangea (search online for choices but e.g hydrangea macrophylla lacecap and/ or shooting star)
* Ground cover shrubs: pachysandra terminalis, bergina, vinca major (minor goes all straggly), low roses

Large lawn area and nearby

Herbaceous perennials – keep number of species to say 10, then plant in groups of 3s, 5s, 7s

* Delphiniums
* Liatris graminifolia
* Rosemary
* lavender
* bulbs – iris reticulata

Big wall by lawn area is a project in itself – something so big that you would want to get someone to price it for you. Could keep and train some of ivy.

Front

* Under trees – vinca major
* Improve soil – plant groups of daffodils in autumn (can plant bulbs a foot down)