

**Intentions for the project:**

To create a garden for the use and enjoyment of lecturers, students and passers-by, distinctive of the Quaker way.  
 To design a low maintenance area to be simply managed by the estates staff and to leave adequate instruction/ information for the ongoing care of plants and materials used.  
 To draw in and involve interested Friends in the planning and creation of the Legacy garden through BYMG information, work with Meetings, the Quaker Gardens Project website.  
 To organise the whole project to be completed during the week of the Gathering in August 2014.

**The site** lends itself to holding people at a turning point being an L shaped area overlooked by many study bedrooms and on the routes around the campus.  
 Broadly level, it rises to the banked hedge to the north and is also enclosed with low hedging. It benefits from some established ornamental cherries (in need of pruning).

**Gathering inspiration.**

To create a lasting garden reflective of Quakerism we take inspiration from both the notion of 'The Quaker Way' and the phrase "come with hearts and Minds prepared"  
 A University is a growing place where hearts and minds may be opened, shaped and moulded - preparing for the challenges of our lives ahead. There will be times of pressure when escape from the hothouse atmosphere is important and to find a safe, enclosing, restful and friendly place is vital- literally -life giving.  
 To get outside from the classroom or study and be among plants and birds we may find we can learn and absorb 'the spirit of the place' quietly and in our own time. All this refreshes and brings the whole of life learning into perspective. **The Quaker legacy garden** will provide a place, accessible to all, for all to pause on their journey, reflect of where they find themselves, be held and then, renewed, continue on their way- hopefully understanding a little more of the Quaker way.

**The origin of the design.**

Early Friends, from George Fox onward, travelled, mainly on foot, in the landscape. Friends are travelling still and gather to share and learn in this place. Students and tutors also come to gather at this University, to share and learn and then move on.  
 The design shows a gathering place- almost as simple as a sheep fold- where we come to rest and focus in a garden setting. A simple Gatepost and small section of wall gives entry into the garden from the South side- semi circular seating 'holds' the central space. New planting provides colour, texture and year round interest encouraging a more intimate feel the space.

**Words** are important to Quakers as they arise from silence so we are offering some loved phrases to "speak of our condition" and as inspiration for others who come to rest in this place.

"Walk cheerfully over the world..."George Fox, 1656

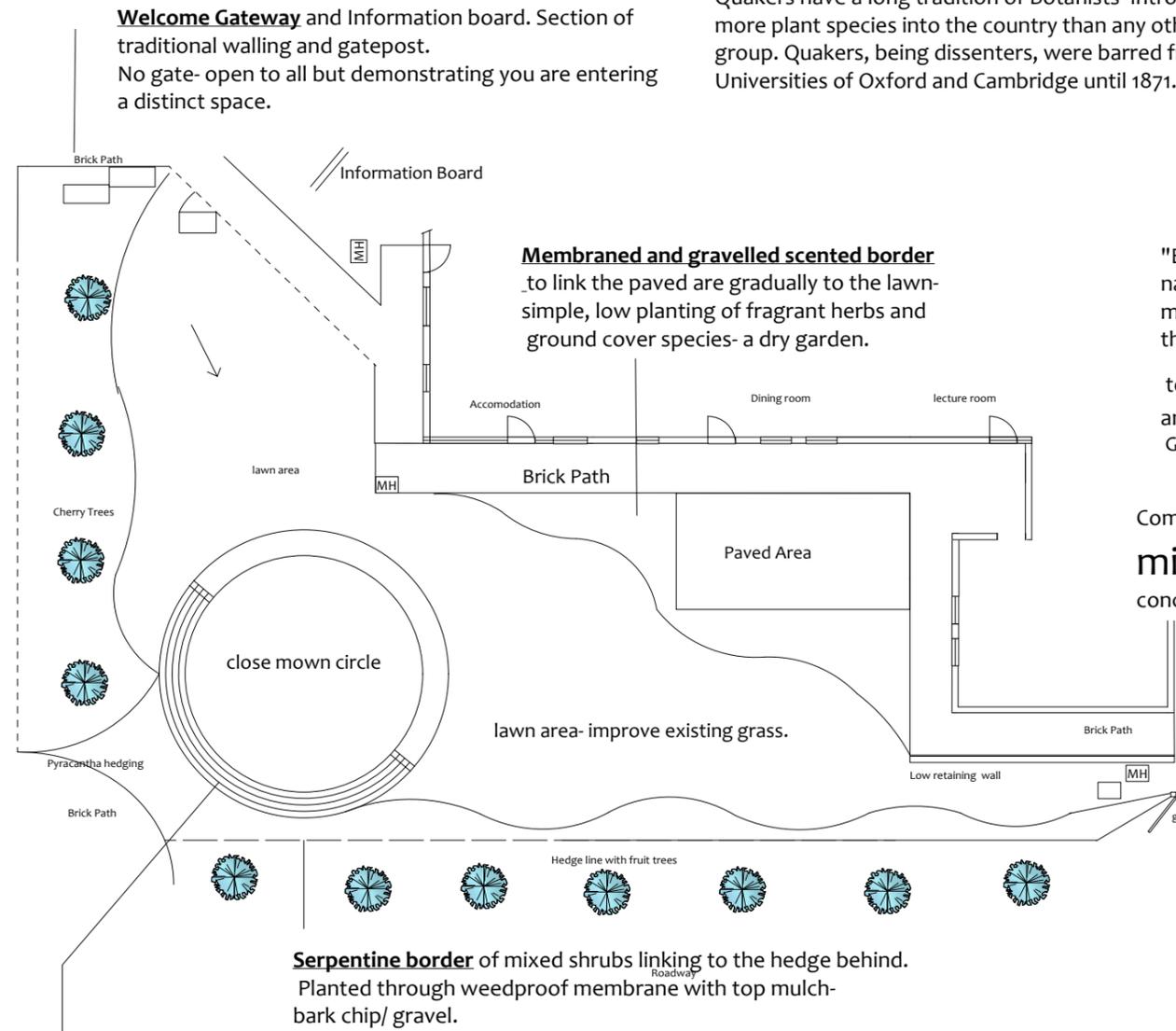
and "with heart and mind prepared" from Advice and Query no.9. these will be inscribed in an oak wayside sign.

**Elements of the Garden Design.**

Open access for all  
 Peaceful and reflective outdoor space  
 Naturally encouraging to wildlife  
 Sustainable and beautiful.

**Quakers**, or Friends as they are also known, are a Christian based sect whose distinctively silent worship, or 'Meetings for Worship', are open to all. Founded in the 17th Century Quakers do not share a fixed set of beliefs but uphold shared values or 'testimonies' -Peace, Equality, Simplicity and Truth- by which they live their lives They are known for their international work for peace, being awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1947. Quakers have a long tradition of Botanists- introducing more plant species into the country than any other group. Quakers, being dissenters, were barred from Universities of Oxford and Cambridge until 1871.

Proposals for  
**The Quaker Legacy Garden**  
 Esther Parkin Building  
 University of Bath 2014



**Welcome Gateway** and Information board. Section of traditional walling and gatepost. No gate- open to all but demonstrating you are entering a distinct space.

**Membraned and gravelled scented border** to link the paved area gradually to the lawn- simple, low planting of fragrant herbs and ground cover species- a dry garden.

**Serpentine border** of mixed shrubs linking to the hedge behind. Planted through weedproof membrane with top mulch- bark chip/ gravel.

**Semi-circular seating:** Filled Gabions or metal cages with wooden bench top. A semi circle with a close mown area making up the circle, reflective of a 'gathered meeting' or a companionable group of like minded friends.

"Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them: then you will come

to **Walk cheerfully** over the world, answering that of God in every one."  
 George Fox, 1656

Come to meeting for worship **with heart and mind prepared.** Yield yourself and all your outward concerns to God's guidance..." Advices and Queries No. 9.



Cherish your friendships ... so that they grow

