

Redbridge Front Garden Project

Having a 'looked-after' front garden is known to reduce the risk of burglary and bogus callers.

The Redbridge Front Garden Project provides help for eligible elderly or vulnerable residents who have been, or are at risk of becoming victims of burglary or doorstep crime.

The scheme offers an initial visit to assess what work is needed. The types of job offered are:

- Cutting back, pruning, gardening jobs
- Minor external decorating work
- Repairs to front gates and fences
- Fitting basic security measures
- Defensive planting where appropriate

Agreed works are delivered at a later date by a vetted handyperson, with all visits by prior appointment.

This is a free service including labour and crime prevention products (up to an agreed limit).

As a guide the scheme can deliver a day's worth of concentrated clear up. (It is not a routine gardening service).

The project is aimed at Redbridge residents, whether tenant or homeowner, who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Aged 60+
- Have a disability, long-term illness or health problem which makes it difficult for them to carry out the work
- Are in hospital or respite care

and are referred by a partner service or organisation.

Referrals can be made by contacting HEET and quoting "Redbridge Front Garden Project":

Tel: 020 8520 4554

Email: info@theheetproject.org.uk

Please also provide contact details for a trusted intermediary to help arrange visits, if the vulnerable person is not in a position to do this (e.g. a representative from your own service or a carer, family member).

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