

*'The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come, and the  
voice of the turtledove is heard in our  
land; (Solomon 2:12, NKJV)*

## Help pave the way for happy summer times outdoors, with the new gardens at Haslemere



We love our seasons in Britain, and enjoy sitting in our gardens. Most of us can just open the door and step outside, but when you're older and frailer you might need the help of a walking frame or a wheelchair and the ground has to be absolutely clear and level.

At present the patio outside the dining room at Shottermill House is a good place in the sun for frailer



This is the area the new garden will be replacing

residents, but it is quite small and a bit overgrown at the edges.

### Larger and safer

The new garden planned for the sun spot outside the dining room will be larger, and safer for everyone. The retaining bank will be pushed back, with steel reinforcing for the new bank and a safety rail. There will be new bushes and a larger patio to accommodate more wheelchairs as well as ordinary garden chairs. Raised planters will bring flowers within reach of older hands, and new bushes will bring scents as well as colour.

As well as the planters, bushes and flowers, the cost of the new garden, £22,750, includes work on pushing back the bank and drainage, clearing the site and making the ground

absolutely level and safe.

The patio will include around 2,000 paving stones, about the size of a house-brick. The pleasure of sitting in the fresh air, with the sun on your face, is priceless. If each person reading this article 'bought' a paving stone for, say, £10, the garden would be almost paid for. And next time you sit in the sunshine you would have the satisfaction of knowing your gift is making it possible for our older brothers and sisters in Christ in Haslemere to enjoy the same.

You can donate via the website, or by sending a cheque made out to Pilgrims' Friend Society, at 175 Tower Bridge Road, London, SE1 2AL. Or donate by text message. See page 43 for instructions

The new garden will be a blessing to all residents

