

Annual Sedum Maintenance Programme for Flat Roof to 20A Ferncroft Avenue

It is recommended that the sedum roof is maintained twice a year, in spring and in autumn, to carry out necessary maintenance.

Spring Maintenance - Clear away debris from the roof in the spring / early summer. Any fallen leaves, rubbish or winter detritus needs to be removed and important that all of the sedum plants can see daylight and that the drainage outlets remain clear. Sedum plants will greatly benefit from a feed at this time, ideally when the weather starts to warm up and plants start to grow. The advised rate is Sedum Fertiliser at a rate of 30 grams per square metre, which usually comes in the form of a slow-release formula.

If there are areas where the vegetation has disappeared, these may need some re-generation. Provided that the air temperature is constantly above about 6 degrees and with no drought conditions, it should be possible to break small pieces off existing plants and press them into the growing medium on the bare area. Smaller bare areas will normally re-vegetate themselves once the plants have been fed and started their growth spurt.

Autumn Maintenance - Unblock gutters and ensure all drainage outlets are working well. This includes any gutters that sit above your green roof – if these overflow or drip onto your sedums they will eventually kill the plants. Check that the sedum blankets are securely fixed and ready for the winter weather. **DO NOT FEED SEDUM PLANTS IN AUTUMN OR WINTER**

There is no need to remove spent flower heads from the sedum plants but it is advisable to remove any unwanted plants that may have established themselves during the summer, particularly tree seedlings and/or any deep rooted or vigorous plants.