



San Quirico d'Orcia



GUSTO



PAESAGGI



STORIA



SPIRITUALITÀ



BENESSERE

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Horti Leonini, a typical example of Italian gardens, are the hub of San Quirico life. They host symbolic events for citizenship, such as the Festa del Barbarossa (historical re-enactment of the meeting between Frederick Barbarossa and the papal messengers of Pope Adrian IV) and "Forme nel Verde" (contemporary art festival).

The Horti Leonini have recently been the site of ordinary and extraordinary maintenance. In 2018 the Administration, following studies and consultancy, launched a process aimed at their recovery, also with works aimed at a safe use.

The interventions, carried out under the high supervision of the Archaeological, Fine Arts and Landscape Superintendence for the Provinces of Siena, Arezzo and Grosseto, involved the lower part with a lighting project and the upper part with the "Restoration", at least formal, of the "Ragnaia".

Lower part:

Intervention carried out: The lighting, created thanks to the "Jubilee of Light" contribution, commissioned by the Ministry of the Environment and ANCI for the cultural enhancement of cultural and environmental assets along the routes included in the networks of the "Paths of Europe", has made it possible to enhance the 12 elements present in the parterre so as to offer a sensorial and cultural journey that will enhance the aesthetics and materiality of the place in its natural and anthropic references.

Recent interventions: The Administration proceeded with the planting and replacement of some boxwood plants, as well as resowing the greenery within the central avenue. The irrigation system has also been completed.

High part:

Intervention carried out: The Restoration of the "Ragnaia", carried out thanks to a contribution from the Tuscany Region, has made it possible to restore, at least formally, the trees as conceived when they were created and maintained until the beginning of the last century, when the interruption of pruning interventions led to the loss of the symmetrical forms typical of the "Ragnaia" (spiderwebs). Water restoration and control interventions were carried out in the paths below the Holm oaks.

Upcoming interventions: In the next period, the planting of further holm oak plants and new hedges will continue.