



SOUTH WEST

RHS South West in Bloom Autumn Newsletter 2022



Presentation at Haselbury Mill.



We held the 2022 presentation event at the spectacular Tithe Barn at Haselbury Mill Nr Crewkerne. We had speakers in the morning followed by the presentation of awards in the afternoon, following an excellent lunch.



Presentation at Haselbury Mill.

The morning was taken up with talks by Mike Nelhams from Tresco on growing on the islands and the plants that thrive in its temperate climate.

Later in the Newsletter he highlights some of these more unusual plants that will grow well in the South West and where you can get seeds.



Saul Walker, our other guest speaker at the Presentation gave a very interesting and most entertaining talk on his time as the Show Manager at Chelsea Flower show.

It was an interesting view into the planning design and building of some of the best Show gardens at the Show.

He also took the opportunity to have some fun with our Chairman's gardens at Chelsea.

Lifetime Achievement award for Wally Burke from Tiverton



Lady Emma and Cllr Kathy Head, Mayor of Crewkerne present Wally with his Certificate and Watch

South West in Bloom made it's first Lifetime Achievement Award to Wally Burke from Tiverton,

Wally has been involved in Tiverton in Bloom for 55 years and still continues at the age of 82 years.

He goes out digging and preparing flower beds in preparation for planting, he also designs the displays and works out the number of plants required for each display and oversees the operation from start to finish and even scouts for new entrants.

He is a true inspiration for all that is bloom and a true ambassador for South West in Bloom

Thanks to Nigel Bloxham for the photos

Presentation of 2022 awards at Haselbury Mill.



Sponsors Trophy, Best entry
Winner **Exmouth.**



Best Seaside entry. Winner **Sidmouth.**



Viv Verrier Trophy, Best new entry
Calstock



Alf Crouch Trophy, Service to Bloom
Winner, **Ken Prowse, Penzance.**

Champion of Champions 2022



**Village & Small Town
Haselbury Plucknett**



Large Town, Thornbury

National Results 2022



Small City, Bath
SILVER GILT



Large Town, Portishead
GOLD



Small Town, Kingsbridge
GOLD



Seaside Sidmouth
GOLD



Bid St Austell
GOLD



Horticultural Trophy
Kingsbridge in Bloom

National Results 2022

Other Nominations

Nominations for Innovation Community Engagement Included
Bath in Bloom

Nominations for Sustainable Gardening Award Included
St Austell in Bloom

Nominations for Horticultural Trophy Included
Bath in Bloom
Kingsbridge in Bloom

Winner of the Horticultural Trophy - Kingsbridge in Bloom

Community Champions Awards were given to

Graham Price

Lynette Talbot

Peter Endersby

RHS South West in Bloom 2023 Schools Painting Competition

The theme for 2023 is

“The Incredible Edible Garden”

The age groups are as follows:

Up to 6 years old, 7 – 11 years old, 12 – 16 years old

Art should be a maximum of A3 in size. On the back of each painting, put name, age, and name of school and name of city, town or village.

Only one entry per age group, and they should be the winners of your local competition. Please note submitted works are non-returnable!

The best exhibit in each age category should be sent to:

Melissa Poole

c/o 15a Moorcroft Road, Hutton.

Weston super Mare, North Somerset. BS24 9RW

Entry Forms will be available in the Spring 2023 Newsletter.

Closing date for entries is Friday 15th July 2023.

**Please Note :- The closing date for the Main Competition, IYN,
Town Centre and Commercial, Leisure & Tourism entries is**

Friday 14th April 2023.

Regional Results 2022

Town & City Centre Award

Chippenham SILVER GILT

Winner CHIPPENHAM

Bids

InExeter Bid GOLD

St Austell Bid GOLD

Tavistock Bid GOLD

We are Weymouth SILVER GILT

Winner TAVISTOCK

Pennant Village-

Calstock GOLD

Mitchell GOLD

Woolwell SILVER GILT

Westfield SILVER GILT

Charmouth SILVER GILT

Winner MITCHELL

Pennant (Town & City South)

Bovey Tracy GOLD

Crediton in Bloom SILVER GILT

Dartmouth Green Partnerships GOLD

Ivybridge in Bloom SILVER

Liskeard GOLD

Winner DARTMOUTH

Pennant (Town & City North)

Burham on Sea SILVER

South Swindon Parish SILVER GILT

Winner SOUTH SWINDON PARISH

Mary Mortimer Trophy

Bleadon GOLD

Ide SILVER GILT

Lympham Including Eastertown
SILVER GILT

Plympton St Maurice SILVER GILT

Tresillian SILVER

Winner BLEADON

Cox Cup

Bere Alston GOLD

Cannington GOLD

Curry Rivel GOLD

Henstridge Parish Council SILVER GILT

Tadpole Garden Village SILVER GILT

Winner BERE ALSTON

Ayre Cup

East the Water SILVER

Kingskerswell Action Group SILVER GILT

Radstock SILVER GILT

Winner RADSTOCK

SWTA Cup

Crewkerne GOLD

Kingsbridge GOLD

Winner KINGSBRIDGE

Preece Cup

Glastonbury GOLD

Hayle in Bloom GOLD

Winner HAYLE IN BLOOM

Sargent Cup

Babbacombe Bay GOLD

Brixham GOLD

Minehead SILVER GILT

Sidmouth GOLD

Tavistock SILVER GILT

Winner SIDMOUTH

Portman Cup

Calne GOLD

Keynsham GOLD

Tiverton GOLD

Truro GOLD

Wellington SILVER GILT

Winner TRURO

Regional Results 2022

St Bridget Cup

Barnstaple	GOLD
Exmouth in Bloom	GOLD
Newquay	GOLD
Yeovil	GOLD

Winner EXMOUTH

Tesco Cup

Paignton	GOLD
Taunton	SILVER GILT
Torquay	GOLD

Winner TORQUAY

Champion of Champions

Village, Small Town

Bradford on Avon	SILVER GILT
Haselbury Plucknett	GOLD
South Molton	GOLD

Winner HASELBURY PLUCKNETT

Champion of Champions Large Town

Bath	GOLD
Penzance	GOLD
Portishead	GOLD
Thornbury	GOLD

Winner THORNBURY



**Mary Mortimer Trophy
Bleadon**



**Preece Cup
Hayle in Bloom**



**Portman Cup
Truro in Bloom**



**Tesco Cup
Torquay in Bloom**

2022 It's Your Neighbourhood



**Gordon Ford Trophy, Best IYN
Ardagh Community Trust, Bristol**



**Friends of Royal United Hospital, Bath
Outstanding**



**BLAG Truro
Outstanding**



**Friends of Victoria Park, Redruth
Outstanding**



**Calne, Community Pocket Park
Outstanding**



**Coosebean Woodlands, Truro
Outstanding**

2022 It's Your Neighbourhood



**Fontmell Friendship Garden
Shaftsbury, Outstanding**



**Another Root, CREDITON
Outstanding**



**Severalls Community Garden,
Crewkerne. Outstanding**



**George V, Memorial Walk, Hayle
Outstanding**



**Kingsbridge Community Garden
Outstanding**



**Peace Garden, Weymouth
Thriving**



Stanley's Garden

Introduction

Stanley's Garden is a well-being space in Worle, Weston-super-Mare. Studies have found that the mental health benefits of gardening are extensive and Stanley's Garden has been developed to support therapeutic activities to bring about positive changes for people living with dementia, young adults with learning difficulties and veterans.



Stanley's Garden has been supported by a number of keen volunteers, The Royal Marines Charity, Draper Dementia Fund, Weston Town Council, as well as companies such as Glendale, E.J.McGrath, Bradfords, Towns, Thatchers, Brandons, Skidmores, and Cladenco. After much hard work Stanley's Garden is now ready for use for the benefit of local people.

Glendale

Glendale & their staff, together with Paul Ballinger did a lot of the planting and gave advice on the construction and Planting Plan of the garden,

Muriels Gardening Club

Muriel's Gardening Club is a Community Interest Company providing activities at Stanley's Garden and working with the following organisations.



Alive Activities, a charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of older people and their carers. Alive facilitate at Stanley's Garden, their Therapeutic Horticulturists, a 'Growing Support Sessions' for people living with dementia.

Surround Support, a local support service for children and adults with learning difficulties, run weekly gardening and facility development sessions with their service users.

Royal Marines Charity, a charity dedicated to providing support to all Royal Marines and their families, will be using Stanley's Garden to support Royal Marine and other veterans.



Weston College's Weston Bay is a residential training centre for students on the autism spectrum and run weekly sessions at Stanley's Garden.



Business, Leisure, Tourism & Commercial Awards

NORTH SOMERSET

Portishead	Sarah Tynan Flowers	SILVER GILT
Portishead	The Port-Portishead Brewing Co	SILVER
Portishead	The Ship	GOLD
Portishead	The Royal Inn	SILVER
Portishead	Phoenix Bar	SILVER GILT
Bleadon	Queens Arms	GOLD
Weston super Mare	Crematorium, Glendale Countryside	GOLD

WILTSHIRE

Bradford on Avon	Cross Guns	SILVER
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DORSET

Sherborne	The Eastbury Hotel	SILVER
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BANES

Bath	Milsom Place	GOLD
Bath	The Griffin Inn	SILVER GILT
Bath	The Inn at Freshford	GOLD
Bath	The Old Crown Inn	GOLD

SOMERSET

Chard	Warner Leisure Homes, Cricket St Thomas	GOLD
Cannington	Blackmore Farm	GOLD

DEVON

Babbacombe	Babbacombe Model Village	GOLD
Babbacombe	The Babbacombe Inn	GOLD
Babbacombe	Cary Arms & Spa	GOLD
Ilfracombe	Storm in a Teacup	GOLD
Barnstaple	Brend Hotel Group, The Imperial Hotel	GOLD
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Exmouth	The Strand Inn	GOLD
Exmouth	The Bicton Inn	GOLD
Bovey Tracey	Brookside Restaurant	SILVER GILT
Kingskerswell	Hare & Hounds	GOLD
Kingskerswell	Lord Nelson	GOLD
Kingskerswell	The Park Inn	GOLD
Sidmouth	The Belmont Hotel	SILVER GILT
Sidmouth	The Victoria Hotel	SILVER GILT
South Molton	The Coaching Inn	SILVER GILT
South Molton	The Town Arms Hotel	BRONZE
South Molton	Squire Court (McCarthy & Stone)	GOLD
South Molton	Raleigh Mead Eastleigh Care Homes	SILVER GILT
South Molton	East Street Eastleigh Care Homes	SILVER GILT
Plymouth	Royal William Yard	GOLD
Buckfastleigh	Buckfast Abbey	GOLD

CORNWALL

Liskeard	Liskeard Traders Association	SILVER GILT
Mitchell	The Plume of Feathers	GOLD
Penzance	The North Inn, Pendeen	GOLD
Penzance	The Planted House	GOLD
Penzance	The One & All(Pub)	GOLD
Penzance	The Long Boat Inn	GOLD
Penzance	The Tremeneere	GOLD
Penzance	Sainsbury's	GOLD
Penzance	Florescere	SILVER GILT
Penzance	Sullivan's Diner	SILVER GILT

Business, Leisure, Tourism & Commercial Award

We were pleased to see a large rise in the number of entries in the Business, Leisure and Commercial section with a total of 47 entries spread out across the region, with a tremendous response from Businesses in Devon.

Presentation of the awards took place in the The Tithe Barn, Haselbury Mill on the 13th October 2022. The entry fee for 2023 is to remain at £20 per entry to help cover assessment and feedback costs. Judges will again be looking at areas around entrances, public facilities, the standard of maintenance and general appearance. As well as interesting and original floral displays, general landscaping and general maintenance of grassed areas are important.



Blackmore Farm, Cannington
GOLD



Longboat Inn, Penzance
GOLD



Enter your Business in 2023
Entry £20
Closing Date: Friday 14th April
Assessing between Monday
3rd July to Friday 28th July

Special Awards 2022

Vic Verrier Trophy	Calstock in Bloom
Abbis Cup	Bath in Bloom
City of Bath Trophy	The Stray, Tadpole Garden Village
Michael McCahey Trophy	Sidmouth
Bruford Cup	Thornbury
Clem Preece Memorial Cup	Henstridge Primary School
Viridor, School Composting Trophy	Brymore Academy Cannington
London & Manchester Trophy	Thornbury Wildflower medal
Sutton Seeds Cup	Dodington, Wapley Local Nature Reserve
SW Tourism Trophy, Best Portfolio	Truro
Sargent Trophy	Portishead
Swin Bloom Youth Award	Portishead Youth Centre
Barry Cruse Trophy (Best Web Site)	Exmouth
Budge Social Media Trophy	Kingskerswell
West Country TV Cup	Dartmouth Community Greenhouse
Wheatley Trophy Comm'ial /Industrial	Southgate Shopping Centre
The Monk Trophy	Curry Woods, Curry Rivel
Amberol Trophy	The Hendra Newquay
Serco Cup	Manor House Road, Community Garden
Denise James Art Trophy	3rd Glastonbury Murals
	2nd St Austell
	Winner Homemead Botanical Garden, Shaldon
Shaun Cregan Trophy	3rd Bell Inn, Bovey Tracey
	2nd The Ship, Portishead
	Winner Babbacombe Inn, Babbacombe
Gordon Ford Trophy Best IYN	3rd Calne Community Pocket Park
	2nd Severalls Memorial Garden, Crewkerne
	Winner Ardagh Community Trust
Plantscape Coastal Trophy	Sidmouth
Community Champion	Nigel Powell, Hayle
Community Champion	Frances Howard, Bere Alston
Community Champion	Steven Fox, Yeovil
Community Champion	Peter Endersby, Sidmouth
Alf Crouch Memorial Award	Ken Prowse, Penzance
Lifetime Achievement Award	Wally Burke
Sponsors Trophy	Exmouth
Inclusive Gardening Award	Great Western Hospital, Swindon – Dementia Garden Project
Inclusive Gardening Award	Crediton, Another Root

Presidents Message

A very warm welcome to our Autumn Newsletter, you have once again demonstrated your growing skills with most of you at the critical stage of the competition experiencing severe drought conditions, and hose pipe bans in many of our regions.

The presentation took place at Haselbury Mill, nr Crewkerne on 13th October, such was the popularity of the event there was a waiting list by June. Sadly in talking with Jon & Terry, due to my mobility problems, the layout made it best for me not to attend. The event I know was a success, with some outstanding entries and keen competition.

Thanks also to the two speakers, Saul and Mike who I have been told, were a great success.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our Patron, Lady Emma Fellowes who once again presented the awards, which I know for many of you, is the highlight of the day.

With so many Gold awards it shows how you have all raised the standard. My Trophy, The Vic Verrier award, for the best new entry, went to Calstock, which I have to admit I had not heard of and had to look up. It is a large village in East Cornwall, so well done, and welcome to South West in Bloom.

With the warm Autumn you cannot have failed to notice the wonderful colours of our trees, so enjoy before the first frosts set in.

Finally I want to thank my team, the committee, Terry, Melissa and Jon for all their hard work in making South West in Bloom what it is.

Seasons greetings and good wishes for a successful 2023.

Vic Verrier MBE

President RHS South West in Bloom

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Bountiful Bulbs

Camilla Bassett-Smith



Bulbs, a group of plants which fill me with glee, sparked initially by my love of daffodils which has never left me. Whether a bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber, they are all essentially underground storage organs which produce a yearly display upon which many gardeners come to rely.

As a member of the RHS Bulb Committee I have been thrilled to be involved in an RHS Trial of Early Flowering Tulips, their bright reds and yellows cheering any dreary spring day. It has been an honour to share the Forum with horticultural stalwarts Anna Pavord (author of the best selling ‘The Tulip’ and ‘Bulb’) and Fergus Garret of Great Dixter fame. Some cultivars have been suggested for AGMs (Award of Garden Merit), while others have had their AGMs re-confirmed. I urge anyone to pay a visit to

the trial beds at RHS Wisley – where you will find a plethora of different plants rubbing shoulders with each other, competing for approval.

While judging for South West in Bloom this summer, I was thrilled to be presented with plenty of bulbous beauty from outstanding orange *Crocoshmia* to blissful blue *Agapanthus* (not a true bulb but often included in summer bulb lists due to its rhizome like stems).

Late summer bulbs at their best, taking over from the purples and whites of alliums which have become so fashionable in garden design in the past few decades. I was lucky enough to visit the allium fields of W S Warmenhoven in The Netherlands a few years back, a breath-taking site, as were the acres of Iris at Cayeux in France. How glorious horticulture is!





Tulip mania is well documented, with bulbs exchanging hands for the same price as houses back in 17th century Holland. (A craze which also applied to Hyacinth bulbs in times gone by).

Tulips take some beating when formally planted en-masse as demonstrated at Keukenhof in The Netherlands, however there is also a magical beauty when dotted in a meadow setting as in Dunsborough Park in Surrey, where they take the bulbs from the formal borders each year and scatter them to form a patchwork tapestry for years to come.

As I mentioned, daffodils are my true love, and with over 25,000 different cultivars and 13 different divisions, there is truly a daffodil for all. I am lucky to have one named after me by talented breeder and daffodil expert, Brian Duncan – recent recipient of the Victoria Medal of Honour. I adore some of the heritage varieties, ‘White Lady’ is elegant and perfumed, whilst ‘Mary Copeland’ is a delicate double with a fresh fragrance and perfectly partnered with her sister ‘Irene Copeland’. I visited the fields of Taylors Bulbs in Lincolnshire this spring to film with Mary Berry, where she and I were mesmerized by the glorious fields of gold.

The RHS Daffodil, Snowdrop & Tulip Yearbook 2022 will be out soon, and as Editor of the publication, I'd like to offer a discount to anyone involved in SW in Bloom on the £14.95 cover price. Email me at greygablesmedia@gmail.com for more information.



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Golden Tears

Snowdrops can't go unmentioned, as these are surely one of the most seriously followed bulbs, with gazillions of galanthophiles up and down the country watching their every move.

In 2021 a new record price for the sale of a single snowdrop has been achieved - £1,850 for 'Golden Tears', proving that their popularity is as strong as ever.

They are also as clever as they are beautiful, with research indicating that they have thermal properties, able to heat the ground

above – look out for bare patches of grass around snowdrop clumps in the snow this winter!

So while we await the first bulbs of the new year, hopefully you'll surround yourself with a Hippeastrum or two, a pot of Paperwhite and a selection of indoor hyacinths to whet your appetite for what's ahead as we celebrate the sensational perennial cycle of our much loved bulbs.

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Chairman's Report

Well congratulations to you all, we are back from COVID and steaming ahead with some excellent projects throughout the West.

Gardening Volunteers, environmentalists and communities throughout our region have excelled at all levels, often addressing the problems with really challenging ideas. In a number of cases achieving outcomes ranging from simple litter picking to the most complex of schemes.

Sustainability seems to have been very much to the fore and plantings as well as installations and features have focussed more on the longer term outcomes, well done.

In thanking you all for your wonderful volunteering efforts, I must include the RHS, the South West in Bloom committee, judges and assessors. In particular Jan & Terry Porter, Melissa Poole, our administrator, but all of you in each of our excellent South West Communities.

You all contribute to a very special range of projects that add cheer, fun and satisfaction to all.

I had the honour to visit a number of South West Communities, Exmouth, Yeovil, Newquay and Barnstaple. In each community I was taken aback by the depth of effort, commitment and impact of all your work.

The future is bright if the numerous initiatives that are now taking place in your communities are continued.

As to the next year we can look forward to positive and creative involvement of our region in the local, regional and National Competitions.

We hope once again to highlight your work at Chelsea in May and promote our excellent region as a centre of Tourism and a wonderful place to live.

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Jon Wheatley.

Chairman

Speakers at the Spring Seminar 2023



Dr Catherine MacDonald

Catherine is the Principal Landscape Gardner at Landform and has won GOLD medals at Chelsea and Hampton Court with her gardens, winning best in Category and the peoples choice. 2022 was Catherine's 15th Year at Chelsea and she has, besides her own gardens, project managed over 40 gardens at RHS shows.

She designs beautifully balanced gardens and Landscapes for private and commercial clients, her designs often including strong architectural features and soft naturalistic style planting to achieve a unique tailored design.

Catherine's background is in Science, having a PhD in genetics, which provided her with great organisational skills, an attention to detail and is often a source of inspiration in her work.

Having previously worked with top landscape designers, Luciano Giubbilei, Christopher Bradley-Hole and Anthony Paul, she is a rich source of inspiration and experience to draw on .

We look forward to hearing from Catherine and being inspired for our own projects.

Mark Gregory

Mark Gregory, the inspirational owner of Landform landscapes has designed two of the best ever gardens at Chelsea, both of which have won the prodigious "Peoples Choice".

In addition his teams have been involved with over 100 Gold Winning exhibits as a design and construction team.

Mark is working close with Terry and Jon on a project for a Show Garden next year at Chelsea focusing on growing, cooking and eating.

Mark and his company were also involved this year in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the Tower of London.

We very much look forward to being inspired by one of the Country's top Landscape Designers and constructors.



Spring Seminar 2023
Thursday 23rd March
The Town Hall, Glastonbury BA6 9EL.
10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Programme

10:00 Coffee, Welcome & Introductions

10:15 **Mexico City, The City of Flowers** **Jon Wheatley**

11.15 Comfort break

11.30 **‘Planting Design for Shows & Gardens’**

Dr Catherine MacDonald

12:30 Lunch

14.00 **“An RHS Chelsea Show Garden: Design to Completion”**

Mark Gregory

15.30 Comfort break

15.40 **2022 Pride in Parks Awards**

16.00 Question Time

16.30 Closing Remarks

Cost **£20.00 per delegate.**

This is another very good programme for the 2023 Seminar.

Full details can be found on our website

southwestinbloom@aol.com

Closing date for receipt of booking form and payment
Friday 10th March 2023 .

The logo for Glendale features the word "Glendale" in white serif font on a dark green rectangular background. Below this, a white wavy line separates it from a lighter green rectangular background.

Web Site: www.southwestinbloom.org.uk

Mike Nelhams - Ideas from Tresco

A modest choice of plants that give the “Tender touch” in your garden but can resist some occasional colder weather.



Banksia integrifolia

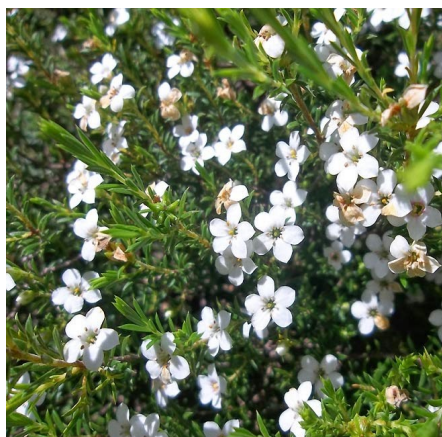
A member of the Proteaceae family from Australia. It is an evergreen and once to a modest maturity after 4/5 years will produce yellow candle like flowers all year round. It has quite a tolerance to cold weather and will take a frost or two without damage. In coastal areas it will not mind being in a windy spot and will grow eventually to be up to ten metres tall.

Coleonema album

If I had to pick one plant that has a wide ranging appeal it would be the South African confetti bush...*Coleonema*.

If rubbed it has wonderfully fragrant foliage that produces copious amounts of little white flowers that sit on top of the plant in a gentle haze for many weeks across the seasons.

Very amenable to being clipped into shape it is long lasting and well worth a place in any garden.



Agave ferox

If you are looking for something architectural this is the plant for you. Known as the century plant, originating in Mexico but now widespread it will flower only once in its life but upon flowering present a towering flower spike of anything up to and above fifteen foot high.

Can be grown on poor and rocky soils, giving any garden a focal point over many years.

This plant however bites....its ferocious marginal teeth and terminal leaf spikes ready to catch out any unsuspecting gardener passing nearby.





Abutilon vitifolium

Easily grown from seed, this plants appearance belies how tough it really is. coming from Chile it has all the look of something that should sit in a warm glasshouse but in reality grows very comfortably outside.

From seed a plant is mature within three years producing elegant delicate looking foliage with large white (or sometimes blue) paper like flowers across the bush. Growing to around three of four metres high it will grace the back of a border and although not long lived, it's worth the effort.

Olearia x Scilloniensis

This plant occurred as a natural hybrid in the Abbey Garden as a result of Olirata x Ophlogopappa happily running into each other.

Producing a small white flower in early spring from March onwards it is now generally found in many nurseries across the country and makes a fine long term addition to any garden. Growing up to six foot high it can be regularly pruned to keep a bushy and full flowering appearance for many years.



.Glendale completes new road scheme in Plymouth



Glendale have been working on the Forder Valley Interchange improvement project for the last 2 years, initially carrying out site clearance, followed by the installation of nearly 1km of dry stone walling and this planting season will see nearly 30,000 trees and shrubs planted to soften this new gateway into Plymouth.

In a change to the norm, Sedum was used for verges, instead of the traditional grass lawns. Sedum can

withstand drought, for example in very hot summers. Sedum is easy to maintain and requires little water and nutrients and is very resilient to diseases and insects pests.

With climate change and the need to evolve our traditional views on public open spaces, Sedum has great adaptability under extreme weather conditions.



Glendale retains Arboricultural Association Approval at Bristol

For more information of Arboricultural services available through Glendale,

visit <https://www.glendale-services.co.uk/services/tree-management/arboriculture-services/>



Glendale

Glendale's Carbon Neutrality

Glendale is delighted to announce we are now a Carbon Neutral company. This has been achieved through a substantial amount of work over the last 12 months to evaluate our business so that we could scope and measure our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Be Sustainable Limited then provided gap analysis and verification to ensure our assumptions and calculations were accurate. These GHG emissions have then been offset through the procurement of PAS 2060 approved carbon credits via the United Nations carbon offset platform.

Glendale will continue to measure and offset its GHG emissions on an annual basis to remain carbon neutral, as well as setting and measuring GHG reduction targets inline with PAS 2060. This constitutes Glendale's first step to achieving net zero for the business as we adopt new technologies and push forward with energy saving initiatives.



Terry Doyle, Managing Director, South said “I am delighted that, as a team, we are now able to not only measure and understand our impact on the environment but also work to reduce this impact through the introduction of green working techniques.

We moved to green energy in 2019 and introduced electric machinery throughout our business over the last 5 years, including the first all electric ride on mower in the UK made by Etesia. This year will see over 20 electric vehicles enter our fleet of vehicles across the UK”



In Bloom success for Glendale

Now in our 8th year of support and having had success most years through our partnerships in North Somerset and Torbay, 2022 saw our teams enter specific sites for the first time and we were delighted to win Gold for both The Babbacombe Inn in Torbay and Ebdon Road Crematorium in Worle



With the Babbacombe Inn picking up the prestigious Best Pub in the South West title.

Both sites are personal passions for our local management teams, Mark Hackett, Mike Tuffery and Paul Ballinger who have been maintaining the sites for many years and go above and beyond to ensure that they look their best throughout the year.



Amberol Pole Baskets

RHS South West in Bloom Pride in Park Awards.

We are pleased with the return of the 2022 Pride in Parks awards, but entries are down this year.

The judging is from June and will finish at the end of the year. This allows the parks to decide on the best time of year to be judged.

As in previous years the presentation for the 2022 Parks awards will be held as part of the Spring Seminar at Glastonbury in 2023. Pride in Parks entry forms will be sent with the Spring newsletter with closing date not until Monday June 13th.

Most of this years entries have already been judged

Closing date for 2023 Park entries is Monday June 13th.



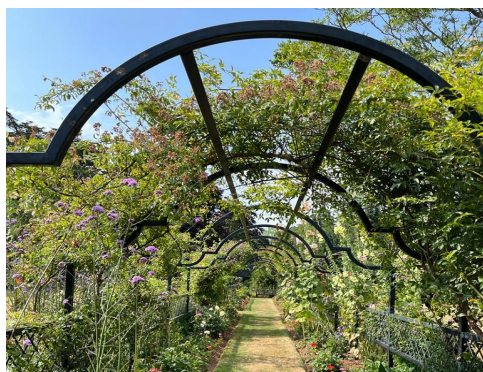
Poltair Park, St Austell



Boscawen Park, Truro



Portishead, Rodmoor Gardens



Tessier Gardens, Babbacombe



Las Posas (The Pool)

After leaving the RHS Council after 10 years service, I was a little concerned just what to do!

Then I was contacted by the Royal Botanical Gardens Kew to take part in their Autumn 22 Mexican celebration feature.

Our brief was to re create a feature that we had exhibited at Chelsea in 2015 MX15. The feature was to create Las Posas (the pools), a surrealistic garden in Xilita, Mexico, designed by Edward James.



The main feature on entering this garden is a moongate, which we built to scale and some wonderful pillars and surreal snakes.

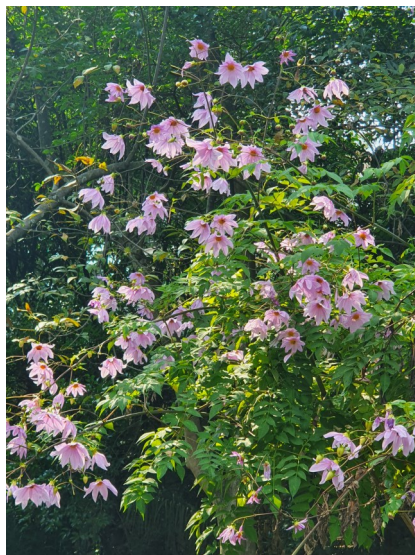
Planting included an eclectic mixture of plants, some obtained from Holland, but many grown at Chew Magna to represent the extensive flora and Mexican culture.



Highlight of course were the many species Dahlias that we were able to grow at Chew and introduce into the feature.

We also built an arch which linked our exhibit to that of world famous designer Betabie Romero and included celebrating “Day of the Dead Masks” and fruit from Mexico.

I also created some plantings reflective of the gardening culture of Mexico where they grow vast quantities of food and flowers.



Kew were very happy with the outcome as were my team who initially took convincing that it would be worthwhile. Thanks to all involved.

Moving on, the 19th October I was once again flown out in the Dream Liner to judge Polenco in Bloom and renew my friendship with many colleagues I have worked with over the last 8 years. This visit will be the subject of my talk “Mexico City, the City of Flowers” at the Spring Seminar in Glastonbury on 23rd March 2023.



What does 2022 show us about the future of our gardens in a world of climatic uncertainty? By Saul Walker

As I pen this article, overnight temperatures are still around 15C, in the middle of November, highlighting that 2022 will be a year where the weather has been a constant source of fascination, heartbreak and a sign of change. We are all aware of the ongoing and future consequences of our species' impact on the world's climate, and, with political will, the world's nations will band together to figure how we soften the ongoing problems that we must now confront. We do, however, have to face that the summer we've just experienced may become the norm, bookended by periods of thunderous rainfall and heavy storms like those we faced in March, and as gardeners we aren't immune to it all. So, what has this summer showed us about our gardens and natural environment.



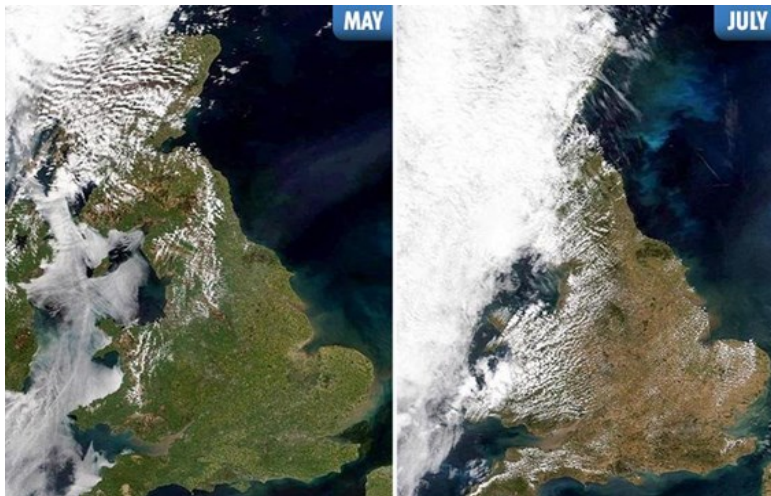
Magnolia showing 'false' Autumn, where tips have lost foliage

Well firstly, it has shown me that no amount of irrigation can see the garden through almost three months of drought. At Stonelands, which at 16 acres is a large area to try to maintain, but even in my smaller garden at home, constant watering may cover small periods of drought but after three months water supplies both mains and private were struggling to cope with the magnitude of the need.

At first I was only watering those newly planted specimens or plant's that I knew were very susceptible to extended scarcity of water – but into the third month much of the garden was parched and keeping up was hopeless, so many plants had to fend for themselves. In the end my thoughts fell to observing which plants fared better than others and a mental note for future plantings. *Hydrangea*, *Astrantia* and *Rhododendron* struggled to live through the lack of water, while *Acer*, *Camelia*, Apple trees and *Eryngium* barely blinked in the heat, many plants fairing better than others.

By observing the winners and losers in the fight against the heat and lack of moisture, it shows that though we may lose some of our cherished palette of plant species and cultivars, there are plants that stay strong and will continue to offer us good garden worthy plantings. One of the unknowns, however, is how long-term consequences to a continued change in our usual seasonally stable weather patterns might effect permanent plantings especially our trees and shrubs, I for one am interested to see how Spring blossom and subsequent new growth might have been altered due to this year.

And beyond the plants, do we now have the ability to go on using precious resources to continue bringing our cultivated spaces to life. Water, being the most pertinent considering the summer, but also our use of composts, fertilisers and machinery all come with an environmental toll and we must start considering alternative ways of growing, storing and harnessing natural solutions for our growing needs. We are lucky in that many of answers are already in our own practice of gardening - trees provide shade from heat, slow down water run off allowing our gardens and green spaces to act as sponges instead of water pouring down into the sewers, clever planting of shrubs can provide cover for more delicate herbaceous plants, perennial meadows show more resilience to drought than highly cultivated lawns – the tools and traditions already exist for us to keep bringing natural spaces into our urban environments even in the continued face of an altering climate.



Satellite photo of the UK from May and July 2022
showing the widespread impact of the drought

Though we need a period of introspection into how this human-made effect on our climatic system could have been avoided and, with hope, mitigated for the future. It is worth noting that humans are incredibly adaptable, being part of the natural world as we are, we must learn to evolve as our gardens and civic spaces must as well. I for one am excited to see how the garden is changing in the UK with the evolution we are now going through. I hope that by seeing the work that you all do in your cities, towns and villages, at schools, prisons and pubs as it evolves over the next decade will be exciting and thought provoking as we go forward into this new climatic age.



Runner Up St Austell



WINNER
Homeyard Botanical Gardens
Sheldon

The **Denise James Trophy** for Art in the Landscape is always a hotly contested class, and this year was no exception as can be seen from the Awards.

Third Place - Glastonbury Murals



South West in Bloom
Winners of the Children's Painting Competition 2022

This year's entries were very good, with some excellent drawings. The theme this year was **"The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden"**
Our thanks go to Lady Emma Fellowes for judging this year's competition.

Children's Picture Competition
Up to 6 years Old

Jessica Reynolds, Age 6
Manorbrook Primary School
Thornbury
Highly Commended



Jessica Rumming Age 6
Trinty School, Radstock
3rd Place



Phoebe Ireland Age 6
1st Withycombe Rainbows
Exmouth
2nd Place



Children's Picture Competition
Up to 6 years Old



Connie Jessop Age 6
Roselands Primary School
Paignton
Winner

Children's Picture Competition
7 to 11 years Old

Rose Herron
Weston All Saints Primary
School, Bath
Highly Commended



Maisy Stephens Age 9
St Mary's School, Truro
3rd Place

Hope Woodford Age 11
Trinity School, Radstock
2nd Place





Rita Sirenko, Age 11
Plympton St Maurice,
Primary School
Winner

Children's Picture Competition
12 to 15 years Old

Liliana Waliczek, Age 12
Castle School,
Thornbury
Winner



Glendale





SOUTH WEST



Important Dates for 2023

Regional Judging	Monday 3rd July to Friday 28th July
IYN Assessments	Monday 3rd July to Friday 28th July
Pride in Park Judging	June 2023 to December 2023
Spring Seminar	Thursday 23rd March 2023 at Glastonbury
Presentation	Still to be decided. Notice in Spring Newsletter

Our South West in Bloom Facebook Page is also a great way for groups to showcase the work they have been doing- if your group has a facebook page, we would love for you to join ours.

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