

Trollius 'Golden queen', (Globeflower): Feathery leaves and bright yellow spherical flowers like large buttercups. Needs moist soil.

Pulmonaria (Lungwort): Hairy leaves that are often attractively spotted white or silver. Blue or pink funnel shaped flowers in spring.

Moist & Wet Areas

- Astilbe
- Astilboides
- Caltha
- Gunnera
- Hosta
- Iris Siberica
- Ligularia
- Lobelia Cardinalis
- Lysichiton
- Primula Bulleyana
- Primula Viallii
- Rheum
- Rodgersia
- Tradescantia
- Trollius
- Uvularia

If you require any further information, please ask our outdoor plant advisors who will be very happy to help.

Opening Times

Monday – Saturday: 9am – 6pm
Sunday: 9.30am – 4pm

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Herbaceous Perennials



Care & Advice Sheet

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Inspiration for your Home & Garden

We recommend the following plants.
There are many more seasonally available.

Scented Flowers & Foliage

Agastache: Tall with pink or violet-blue flower spikes, Hyssops add height to a border.

Artemisia absinthium 'Lambrook Silver': Deeply divided feathery silvery grey leaves.

Convallaria majalis (Lily of the Valley): Well loved scent, white flowers in spring.

Cosmos atrosanguineus 'Chocamocha': Cup shaped, chocolate scented maroon coloured flowers on compact stems.

Crambe cordifolia (Greater Sea Kale): Clouds of well-scented, white "stars" in June/July on tall stems with silvery grey large leaves.

Dianthus (Carnations and pinks): Many varieties of pink and white flowers with toothed petals, many have grey/silver leaves.

Geranium macrorrhizum 'Spessart': Vigorous and spreading with white / pink flushed flowers and apple scented leaves that turn bronze in autumn.

Monarda various (Bergamot): Tubular, sage-like flowers with coloured bracts on erect stems, flowers range from deep red, pink, blue and violet.

Lilium orientalis (Oriental Lily): Stunning brightly coloured petals in June/July

Nemesia 'Vanilla Mist': Pale pink flowers with a yellow eye. Strong Vanilla scent.

Nepeta various (Catmint): Silvery aromatic leaves, Small blue/lilac flowers.

Primula veris (Cowslip): Deep yellow flowers in April/May.

Dry & Sunny Area

Acanthus mollis: Dark green shiny leaves. White flowers with purple bracts on 1m spikes in late summer.

Agapanthus various: Bold clumps of strap shaped leaves with orb shaped flower heads with many individual lily-like flowers in blue / purple / white.

Bergenia various (Elephants ears): Low clump forming evergreen with thick glossy leaves, often red in winter. Bell shaped red/pink/ white flowers in spring.

Crococsmia various (Montbretia): Clump forming from underground corms with erect lance shaped bright green leaves. Funnel shaped flower spikes with red / orange / yellow flowers in mid summer.

Echinops (various): Spiny silvery foliage with spherical blue flower heads.

Iris germanica (Bearded Iris). Fans of erect grey-green leaves from thick rhizomes, Many blue-violet flowers in late spring.

Kniphofia, various (Red Hot Poker): Arching, tufted light green leaves with rocket shaped flower spikes red / orange / yellow.

Penstemon, various: Funnel shaped flowers in a large variety of colours red / pink / cerise / white / lilac. All have a long flowering period.

Salvia various: Sage-like grey-green leaves, delicate hooded flowers on slender stems.

Sedum spectabile (Ice plant): Bluish green succulent leaves, tightly packed heads of tiny pink flowers in autumn.

Verbena bonariensis: Tall with sparse narrow dark green leaves with flattened heads of small bright lilac / purple flowers.

Verbascum 'Jackie in Pink': A dwarf form of verbascum with soft pink flowers.

Shady Area

Ajuga reptans: Blue flowers in spring

Astilbe: Clump forming, delicate fern-like leaves with frothy plumes of flowers in white / pink / apricot. Needs moist soil.

Bergenia, various: (as before)

Brunnera macrophylla: Rough hairy leaves (some varieties are variegated) with small bright baby-blue flowers in spring.

Dicentra spectabilis (bleeding heart): Delicate feathery leaves and pink / white flowers that hang like droplets in spring.

Epimedium, various: Heart shaped leaves that are often bronze tinted in spring and autumn. Small pointed flowers in spring.

Gernanium phaeum: Lobed soft green leaves with dark purple-black flowers.

Helleborus, various, (Christmas / Lenten roses): Flowers in late winter to early spring A wide range of leaf and flower colours.

Hosta various: Bold heart shaped foliage in a large variety of variegated markings and colours. White / lilac / flowers in summer. Needs damp soil and protection from snails!

Iris foetidissima: Vigorous bearded iris with tough evergreen leaves, Purple flowers tinged with yellow followed by red seeds.

Ligularia dentata: Kidney shaped purple leaves. Brown centred yellow-orange flowers.

Polygonum, various (Solomon's Seal): Arching stems with veined leaves and white tubular flowers on the underside of the stems.