

Aromatic Plants



Care & Advice Sheet

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Inspiration for your Home & Garden

Viburnum farreri: Deliciously sweetly scented small white flowers Nov/Feb.

Viburnum x bodnantense 'Dawn': Large clusters of rose pink flowers Nov/Feb.

Viburnum x burkwoodii: Fragrant white flowers in spring. Evergreen.

Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Anne Russell': Sweetly scented white flowers; pink buds. Evergreen and compact.

Climbers

Abeliophyllum distichum: Star shaped almond scented flowers in Feb/March.

Clematis armandii: White flowers in early spring. Evergreen with long shiny leaves.

Clematis montana 'Odorata': Vanilla scented pale pink flowers in early summer.

Jasminum officinale 'Fiona Sunrise': Very fragrant white flowers all summer. Golden leaves. 'Clotted Cream': Creamy white flowers in summer.

Jasminum x stephanense: Pale pink flowers in June to August Lonicera x americana White flowers deepening to yellow June to Sept.

Lonicera japonica 'Hall's Prolific': Highly fragrant white flowers that turn pale yellow.

Lonicera periclymenum 'Belgica': Masses of red/purple flowers that fade to yellow in May/June and again in Sept.

Rosa 'Bantry Bay': Semi-double pink flowers climbing rose throughout the summer. 'Alberic Barbier': Vigorous rambler with cream very scented flowers in June. Many other fragrant roses are available.

Trachelosperum jasminoides: White star shaped "Jasmine"-like flowers. July/Aug.

Perennials

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

Crambe cordifolia (Greater sea kale): Clouds of well-scented, white "stars" in June/July.

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

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

Nemesia 'Vanilla Mist': Pale pink flowers with a yellow eye. Strong Vanilla scent 'Wisley Vanilla' has pure white flowers.

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

Annuals and Biennials

Antirrhinum majus 'Snapdragon'

Dianthus barbatus 'Sweet William'

Lathyrus odoratus 'Sweet Peas'

Matthiola incana 'Stocks'

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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Aromatic Foliage

Shrubs

Artemisia 'Powis Castle' (Wormwood): Silvery finely divided feathery leaves.

Caryopteris x clandonensis 'Kew Blue': Medium-sized shrub with grey-green toothed leaves, blue flowers.

Choisya 'Aztec Pearl' and Ternata: Glossy, aromatic trefoil leaves.

Laurus nobilis (Sweet Bay): Aromatic when crushed. Used in cooking.

Lavandula (Lavender): Scented leaves and blue-purple flowers.

Myrtus communis (Myrtle): Small, dark pungent leaves, white flowers.

Perovskia 'Blue Spire' (Russian Sage): Deeply cut grey foliage with sage-like aroma.

Phlomis fruticosa (Jerusalem Sage): Fairly aromatic, sage scented leaves and bright yellow flowers.

Rosmarinus (Rosemary): Scented narrow leaves usable in cooking.

Santolina (Cotton Lavender): Finely divided thread-like aromatic foliage, small button-like yellow flowers.

Perennials

Agastache Mexicana 'Black Adder' (Hyssop): Oval leaves, blue flowers.

Geranium macrorrhizum: Forms carpets of scalloped edge leaves.

Melissa officinalis 'Aurea' (Lemon Balm): Lemon scented when crushed.

Monarda (Bergamot): Dense mats of oval, toothed, hairy leaves.

Nepeta (Cat Mint): Scented, grey ever-green foliage, purple flowers. Thymus in variety (Thyme). Forms dense mats of aromatic foliage.

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Scented Flowers

Trees

Crataegus monogyna 'Stricta' (Hawthorn): Strongly scented white flowers in spring followed by red berries.

Malus 'Red Sentinel' (Crab Apple): A profusion of white flowers in early spring.

Prunus 'Amanogawa' (Flowering Cherry): Scented pink flowers in spring.

Prunus 'Fragrant Cloud' (Shizuka): Large white fragrant semi-double flowers.

Prunus padus 'Watereri' (Bird Cherry): Almond scented white flowers in May.

Shrubs

Abelia x grandiflora: Clusters of scented tubular pink flowers on arching stems from July to October.

Berberis x lologenis 'Apricot Queen': Evergreen shrub with apricot-orange flowers in spring. Dark green leaves.

Buddleia: Most forms have sweetly scented flowers. Attracts butterflies.

Chimonanthus praecox (Winter Sweet): Superbly scented yellow flowers in late winter, spicy scented leaves.

Choisya: Fragrant, star-like white flowers, mainly in May.

Cytisus battandieri: Pineapple-scented golden yellow flowers in upright spikes with grey silky leaves.

Daphne odora 'Aureomarginata': Highly prized for their pink strongly fragrant flowers in winter and spring.

Elaeagnus x ebbingei: Fragrant flowers in autumn. 'Quick Silver': Sweet scented white flowers in summer, silver leaves.

Hamamelis (Witch Hazel): Sweetly scented small tree, strap-like twisted petals in December to February.

Itea ilicifolia: Fragrant, greenish-white catkin-like flowers in August.

Lavandula (Lavender): All species are fragrant with blue/purple flowers in June.

Lonicera fragrantissima (Honeysuckle): Shrubby, sweetly scented, creamy white flowers in winter.

Lonicera x purpusii 'WinterBeauty' (Honeysuckle): Fragrant, white flowers with yellow anthers in Feb-March.

Mahonia x media 'Charity': Fragrant lemon-yellow flowers late January onwards.

'Lionel Fortescue': Scented dark yellow flowers in Jan/Mar.

Myrtus (Myrtle): All varieties have small fragrant white flowers July to Sept.

Osmanthus: All have fragrant white flowers in spring or Sept/Oct.

Philadelphus (Mock Orange): Famed for their Jasmine like scent in June/July.

Pittosporum tenuifolium: Honey-scented, dark purple flowers in May.

Rhododendron luteum (Sweet Azalea pontica): Strongly fragrant funnel shaped yellow flowers in May to June.

Romneya 'White Cloud' (Tree Poppy): Sweetly scented white flowers June/September.

Rosa: Many of the shrub roses are well scented. 'Margaret Merrill': white flowers. 'Gertrude Jekyll': pink flowers.

Sarcococca humilis: Small, white, sweetly fragrant, male flowers in Feb.

Skimmia japonica 'Fragrant Cloud': White male flowers scented like 'Lily of the Valley' in Winter/Spring.

Spartium junceum (Spanish Broom): Pea shaped honey-scented yellow flowers.

Syringa vulgaris (Lilac): Most are well scented, purple/pink/white flowers in spring.