

Loosely Row and Lacey Green Horticultural Society



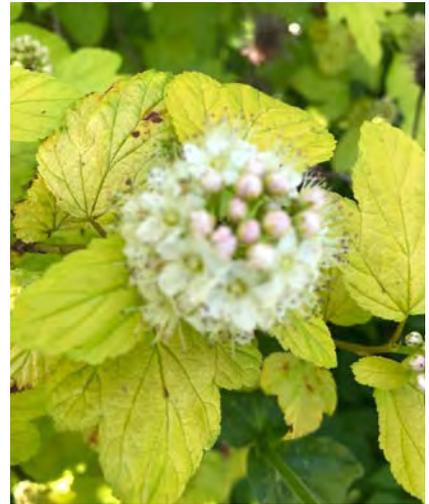
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Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in photographs of their garden, they are looking amazing, remember you can also include the local wildlife as well. Please keep your photographs coming send them to **horticultural.society@btconnect.com** and attach a brief description and of course your name. *Happy gardening!!!*

Alison Shreeve



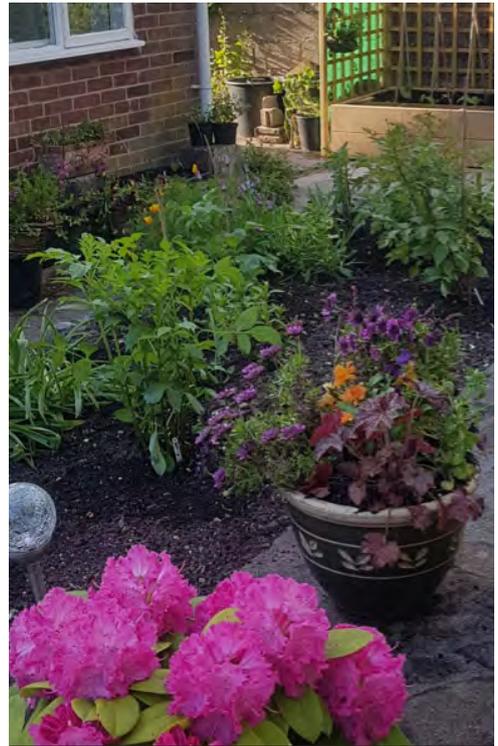
Hanging baskets ready to go outside



Linda Taylor and Ken Barnes



Hanging baskets finally planted



Dahlias planted beans in

Belinda Hurst



Climbing rose called "Swan Lake"

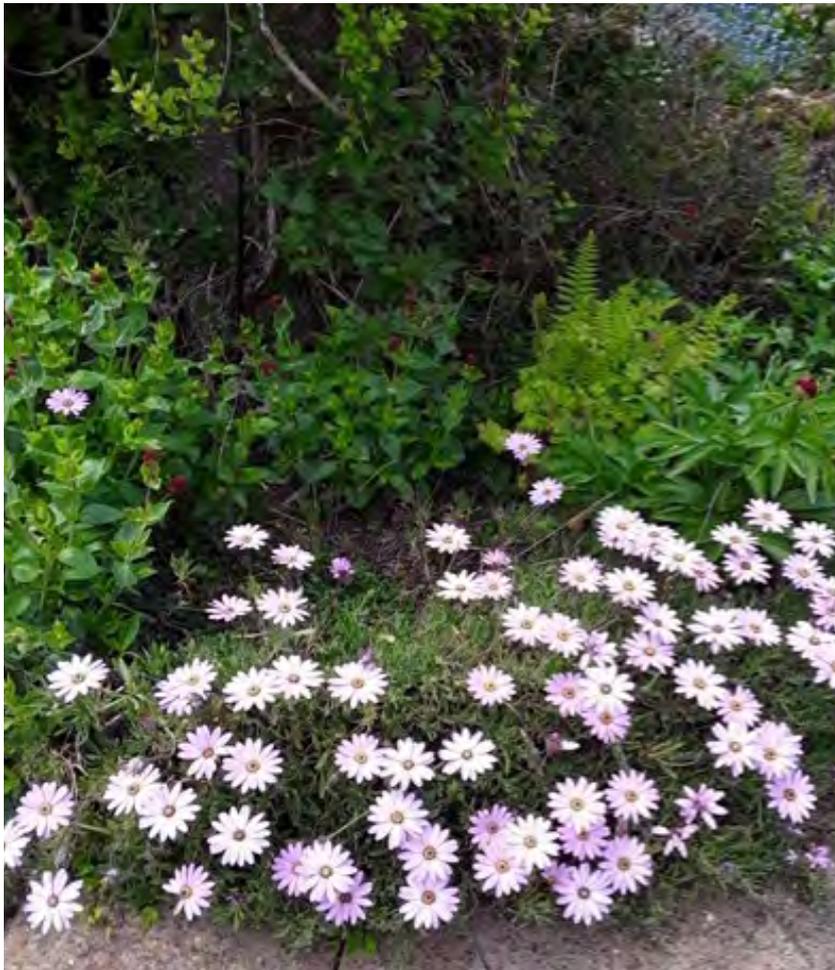


Mirror reflecting my garden

Gerry Whisker



Geraniums in the greenhouse doing well



Johanna Young



Flowering Wisteria

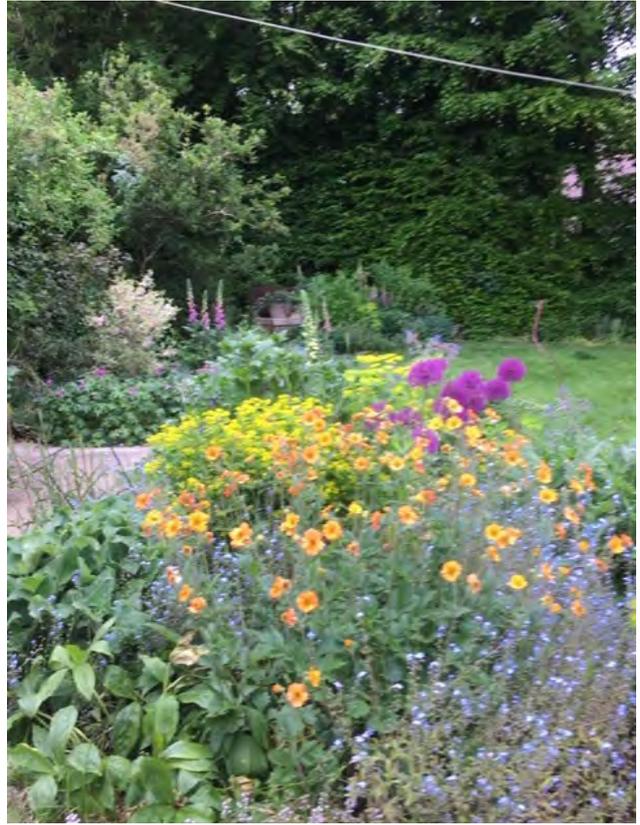


Chinese Peony

Luke and Denise Cottis



Our virtual Chelsea



Simon Bolton



Jeffrey loving the shade of the Cardoon



Climbing beans making their way up the sweet pea canes

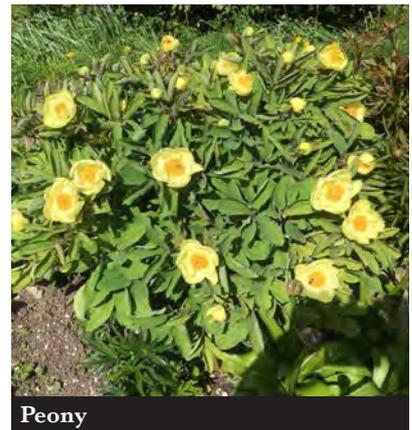
Ginnie Brudenell



The Peony and the spider

I thought I would have a look at our yellow peony the other day, it has three days of glory every year and the rest of the time it doesn't do a thing. I was surprised to see a dead honey bee lying inside one of the flowers, closer inspection showed something sinister going on, as I touched the flower an amazing spider appeared in exactly the same livery as the flower, it matched exactly the somewhat citrus yellow of the flower. I watched fascinated as it hid beneath a petal and another bee appeared, in a flash the spider appeared and attacked the bee, obviously biting it with venom and in no time the bee was paralysed, whereupon the spider spent a happy 10 minutes sucking it's juices.

I was quite amazed, a little drama all on its own, I had to apologise to our beekeeping neighbour for the loss of two bees! Maybe more! Incidentally the small black spider also in the photograph is a bit player, I think he turned up just to see if there were any leftovers! I don't think there were!



Peony

Above is an article which appeared in the May issue, below is a reply from John Tyler.

Thanks very for the amazing photos. I thought Ginnie might like to know that the little black spider in her photo is actually the male of the much bigger female. Being so tiny he often waits until she's had a good meal before he dares to get too close (I have the same problem!). The female can change colour, so it's worth looking out for white ones on ox-eye daisies and yellow ones on buttercups.

Best wishes to everyone,

John

Remember send in photos of your garden to horticultural.society@btconnect.com and also have a look at www.laceygreen.com/Sections/Hortsoc.php where some videos have also been uploaded.