



Front Garden Awards 2026



What are the three most popular
garden flowers in the UK in
2026?

According to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)

Roses -
particularly the
Gertrude Jekyll
shrub which is
the most
popular flower
in British
gardens



- Geraniums- e.g. Rozanne named Chelsea's Show Plant of the Centenary in 2013



Hydrangeas-
are still very
popular due to
their hardiness
and rich
colours



Also popular –
Salvias,
Sweet Peas



And Alliums

But will this
change?





Possibly – the shift will be to more drought tolerant species, single flower dahlias and violas and primroses.

Roses will still be popular. Persica roses are becoming more sought after as they can survive dry spells.

Single flower Dahlias are valued for pollinating insects.

Violas and Primroses are driven by nostalgia and extended growing periods.



Persica Roses

Heat tolerant

Disease resistant

A native of Afghanistan

Have a distinctive colour 'blotch' at the centre



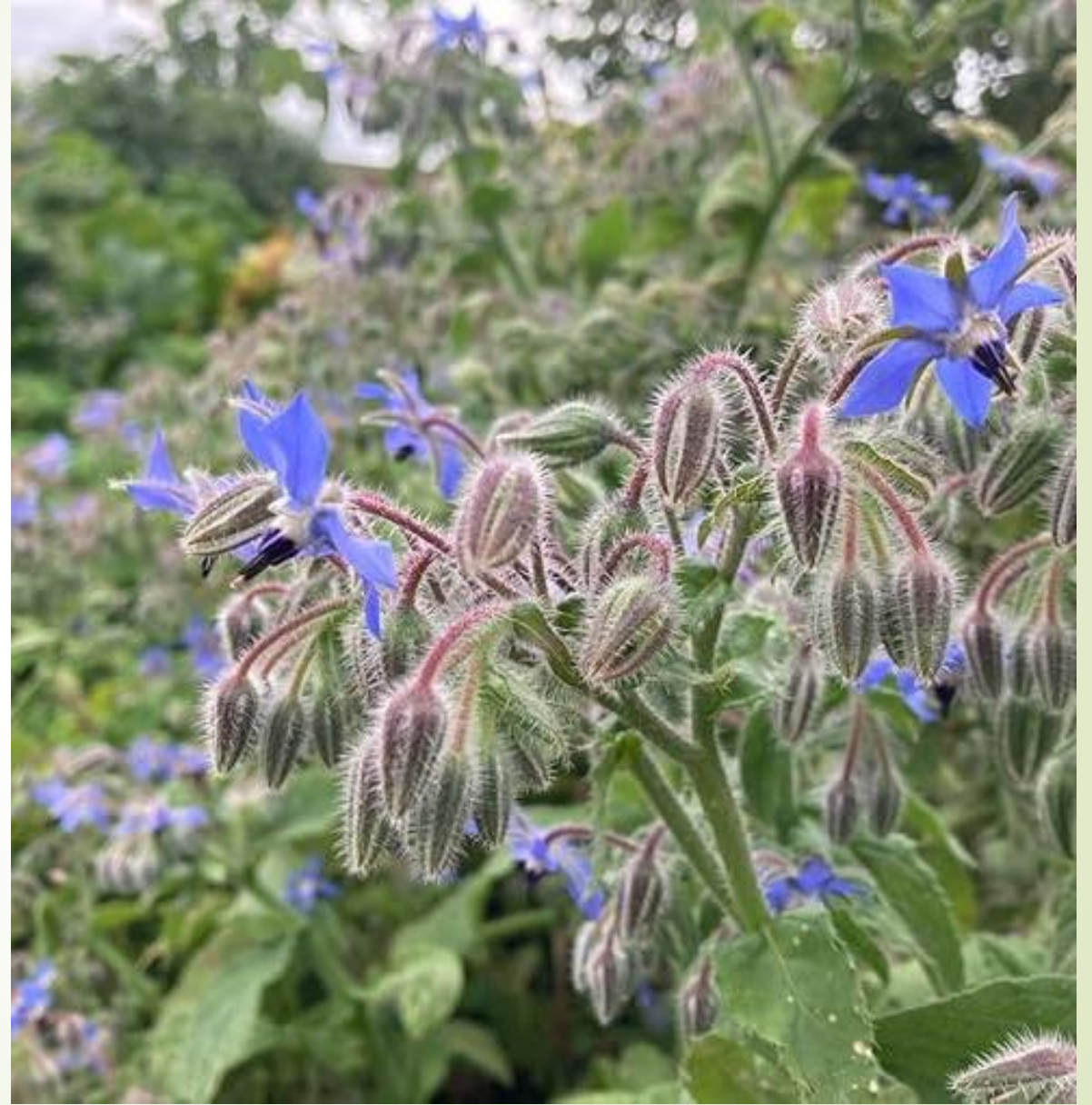
Other predictions

- ▶ Tabletop veg e.g. chillies, compact aubergines, herbs, hanging baskets cucumbers etc.
- ▶ Indoor plants being taken outside e.g. spider plants, Tradescantia, Lantana etc
- ▶ Foraging gardens – borage, dandelions, mint, cowslips etc

Tradescantia & Lantana



Cowslip & Borage



Southfields Grid Front Garden Awards 2026



We're Back!

We will be viewing, judging and celebrating your front gardens and planted tree bases between these dates **19-28 June 2026**

We will be looking at:

Visual Appeal

Design

**Environmental Consideration &
Sustainability**

For more info please see
www.southfieldsgrid.org.uk

So, is this what
we found in the
Front Garden
Awards (FGA)
this year?

Let's see!

Visual Appeal:

- A 'pleasing garden' which promotes a sense of wellbeing
- A strong impact, with a variety of plants, shrubs, flowers, trees
- A well-tended, healthy garden

Design:

- Creative use of available space

Consideration for the Environment and Sustainability:

- Provision of a habitat to attract pollinators, support wildlife and encourage biodiversity
- Inclusion of drought resistant planting e.g. Achillea, Lavender, Mexican Fleabane, Salvia etc
- Green roof on shed or similar examples (e.g. paving slabs lifted), to absorb water run-off
- Water butt to capture rainfall for dry periods



Two awards –
Delightful (100 awards &
Outstanding (18 awards)



Delightful in Lavenham and Heythorp



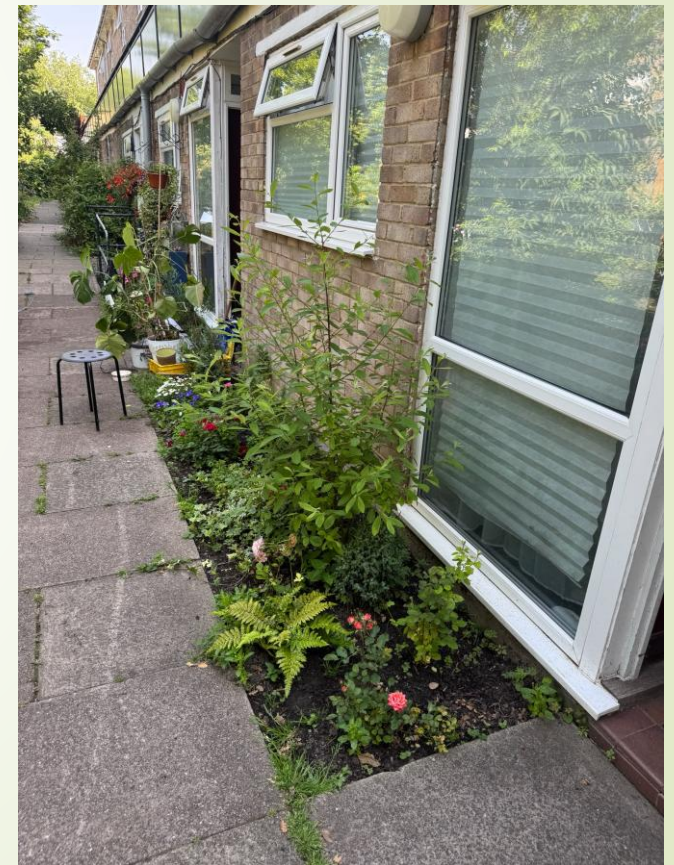
Delightful in Pirbright & Brookwood



Delightful in Merton & Elsenham



Delightful in Elborough & Hanford Close



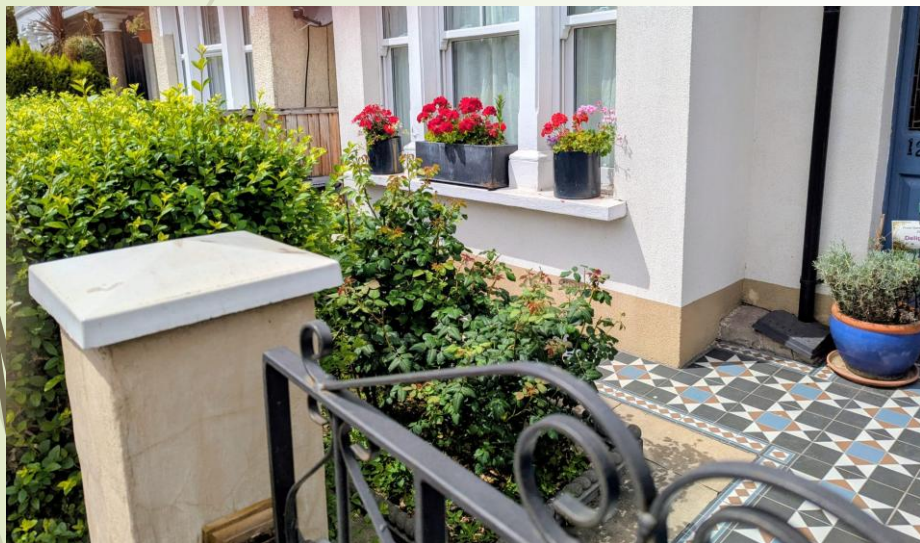
Delightful in Clonmore & Engadine



Delightful in Revelstoke & Astonville



Delightful in Replingham & Trentham





Congratulations to
Heythorp Street for
getting the most
Delightful Awards –
12 in total!

Outstanding in Trentham and Revelstoke



Outstanding in Replingham & Elsenham



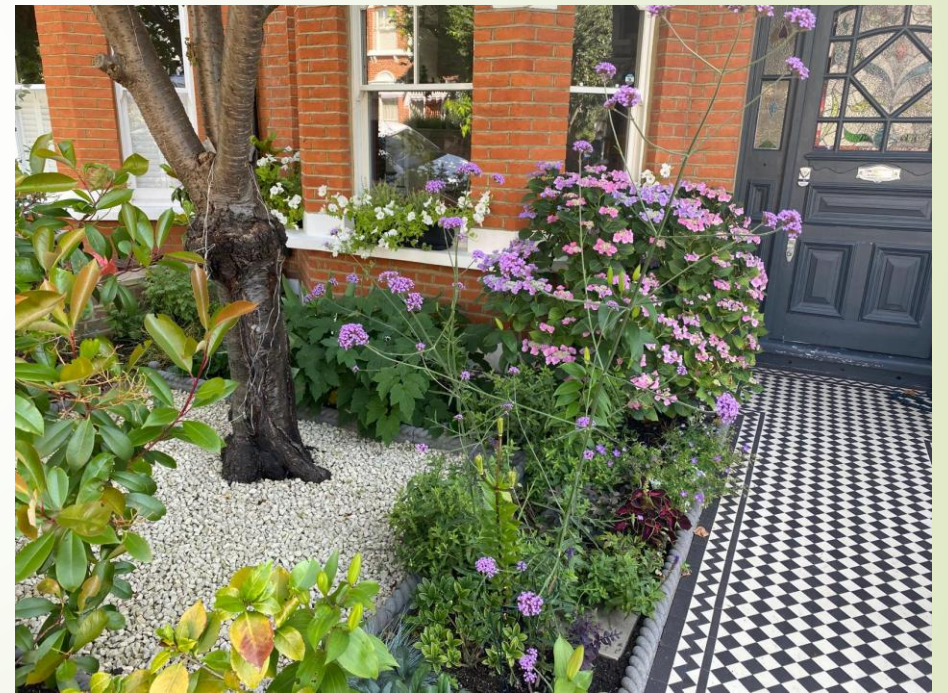
Outstanding in Elborough



Outstanding in Heythorp



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Outstanding in Trentham

Beth Chatto style garden. A drought tolerant gravel garden which is low maintenance . The focus is on appreciating the plant's individual shape, texture and foliage. South African themed front garden.

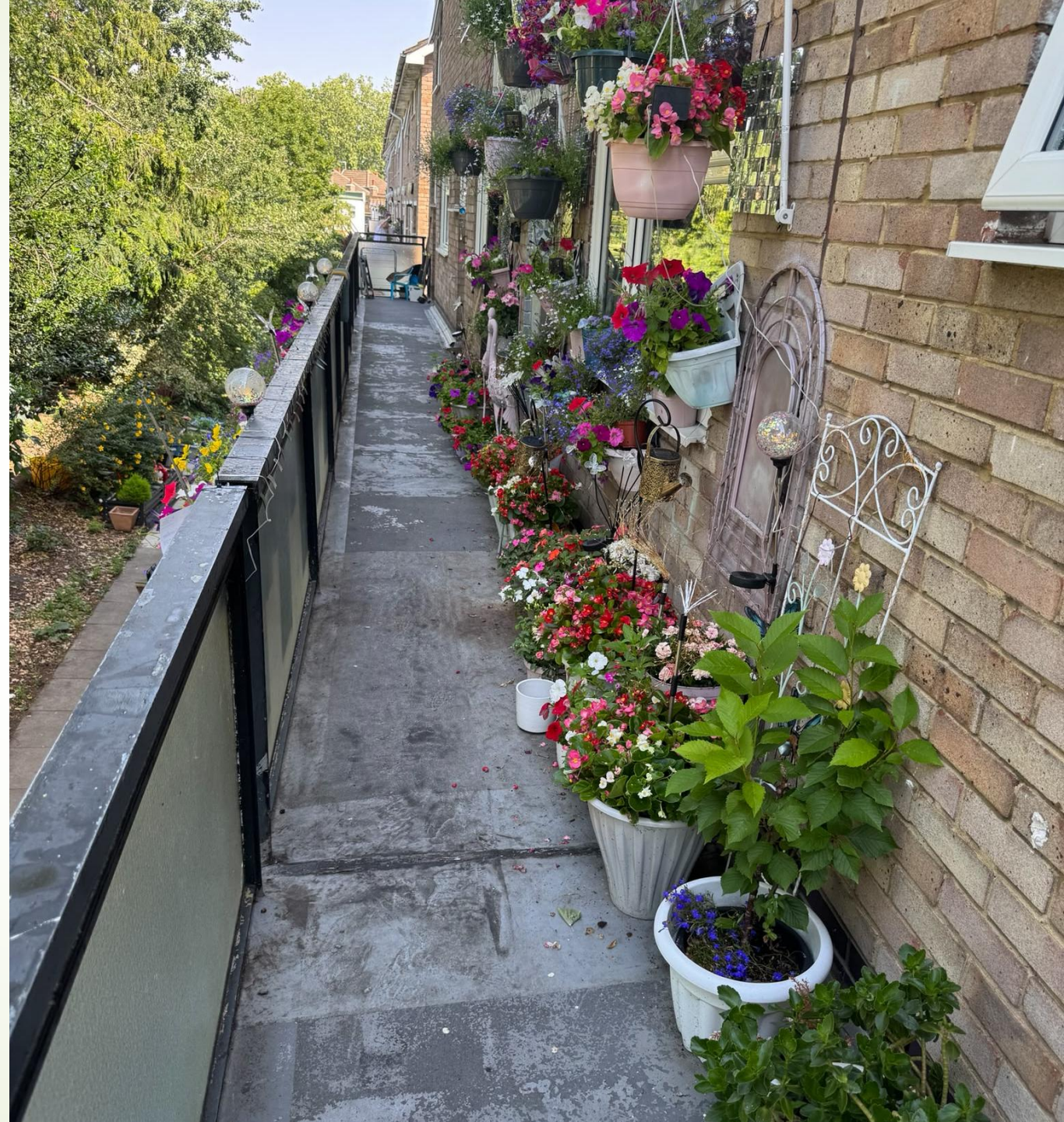
Strelitzia (Bird of Paradise) & Plumbago



Congratulations to Hanford Close
who had the most Outstanding
number of awards – 4 in total!



More Hanford Close



Wandsworth Council's advice when planting flowers/shrubs in street tree pits

Do:

- Plant small shrubs or plants
- Plant nectar rich, flowering species that are good for bees
- Keep plants under control
- Keep the soil level with pavement
- Regularly water the plants

Don't:

- Install any raised edging
- Raise the soil level
- Plant spikey, poisonous or invasive species
- Dig too deep or damage any roots



Elborough



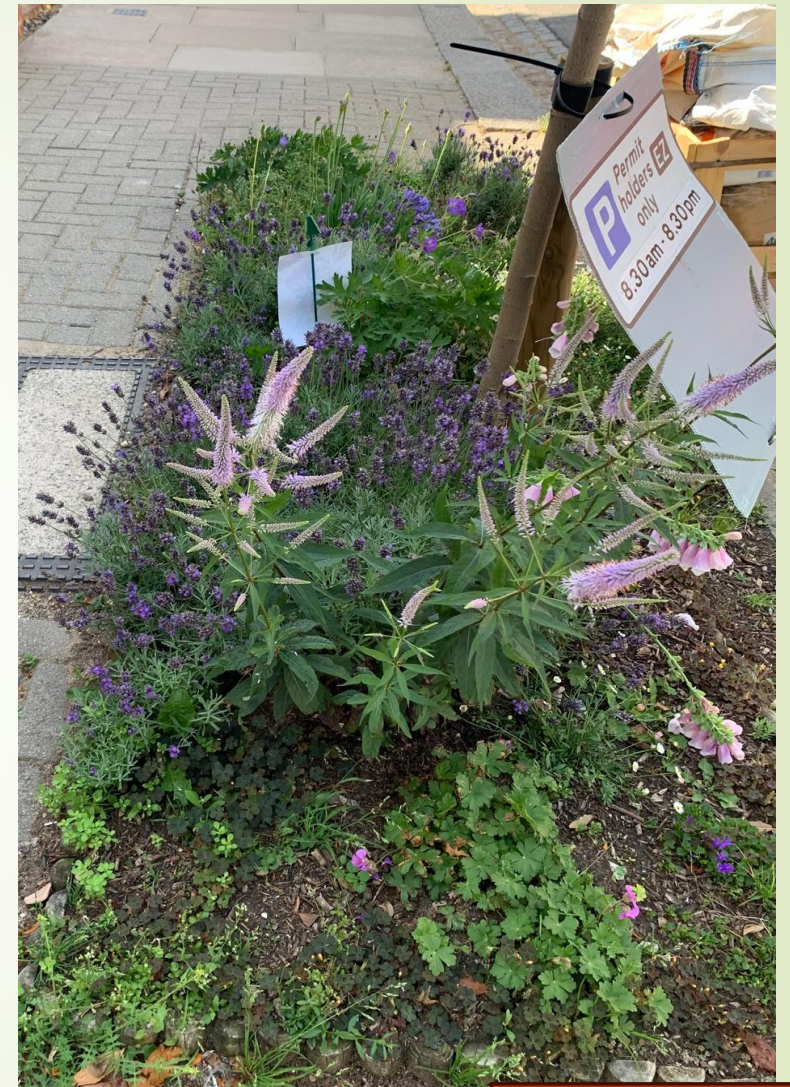
Lavenham



Astonville



Brookwood



Engadine

Clonmore

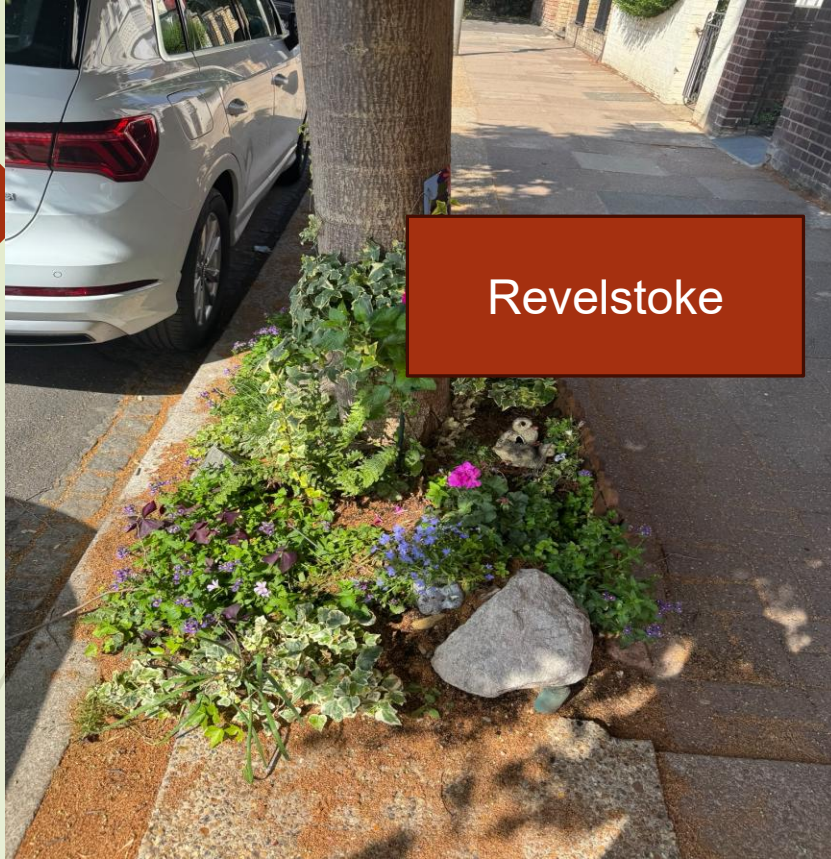


Trentham



Elsenham





Revelstoke

Congratulations to Heythorp whose award was given to 166 Heythorp but included all the tree bases between 119 and 139 also. Well done!



Runner up is 75,
Lavenham Road



Our runner up is
90, Revelstoke
Road





**Our winner is 16,
Lavenham Road!**





Congratulations to our winner and runners up!

With many thanks to all our Grid gardeners for
giving us such lovely gardens and planted tree
bases



Thankyou to all
our judges