

The Front Garden Awards

**Southfields
Grid SW18**



**‘Surge in front garden
greenery will boost wellbeing
and help the environment’**

The proportion of front gardens
that are planted rather than
paved has increased
dramatically in recent years
(since 2015) but there is still
much to be done.’

Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
survey in 2025.



RHS predictions: Trends and themes for front gardens

- More edible perennials – perennial vegetables, fruit trees. shrubs
- Community water butts – small scale growing spaces seen as valuable protection from flash floods
- Green infrastructure – green roofs and walls to provide thermal regulation
- A new look at bedding – more long lived, less thirsty and robust plants
- Front gardens on the front line – permeable paving, gravel, low maintenance plants to prevent pooling and run off of rainwater.
- Gardeners start small – gardeners are buying smaller pots (9cm) rather than 2 or 3 litres
- Carnivorous plants – in demand – loved for keeping house bound insects in check
- Gardening for fun – reflected gardener's interest rather than just aesthetics e.g. themes such as gardens for dog lovers at Chelsea Flower Show



My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece



FRONT GARDEN FRIENDLY

Claude Monet

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Ten Awards
handed out

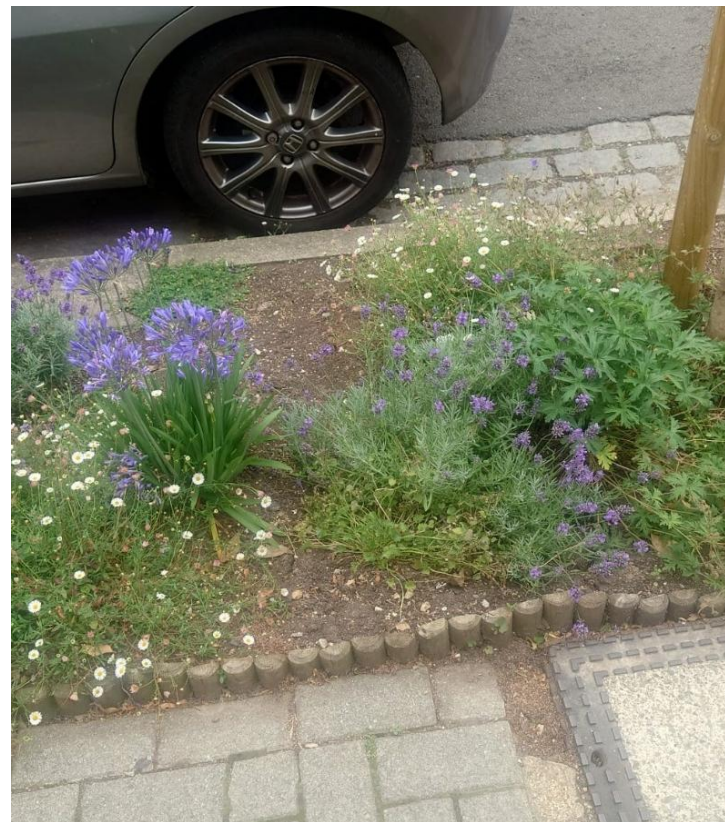
Front Garden Awards 2025

Congratulations!

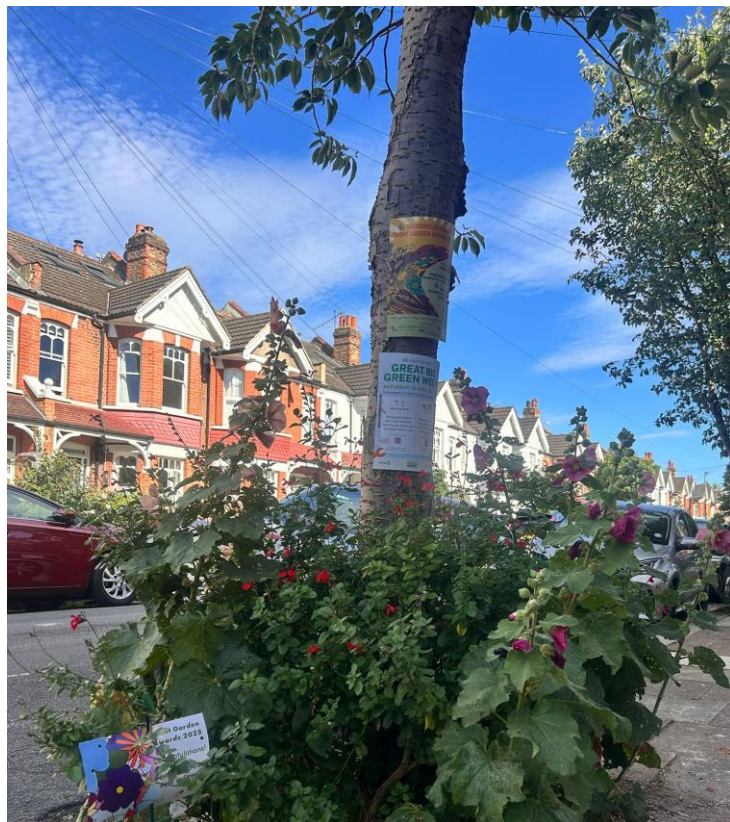
Best Planted Tree Base in Street



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- Do:
 - Plant small flowers, bulbs, 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
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Revelstoke & Engadine



Heythorp & Trentham



Clonmore & Astonville

Brookwood



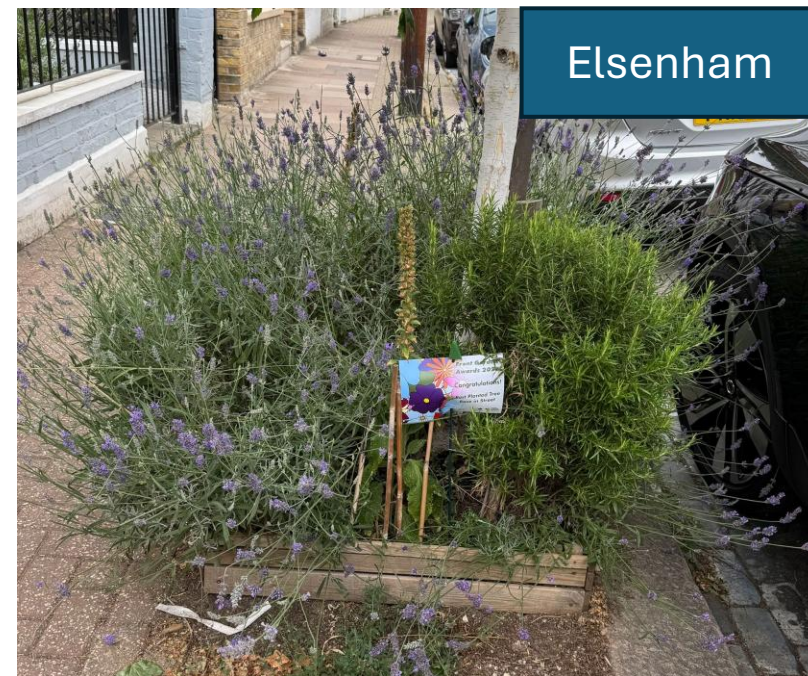
Lavenham



Elborough



Elsenham



Criteria - Front Garden Awards 2025

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

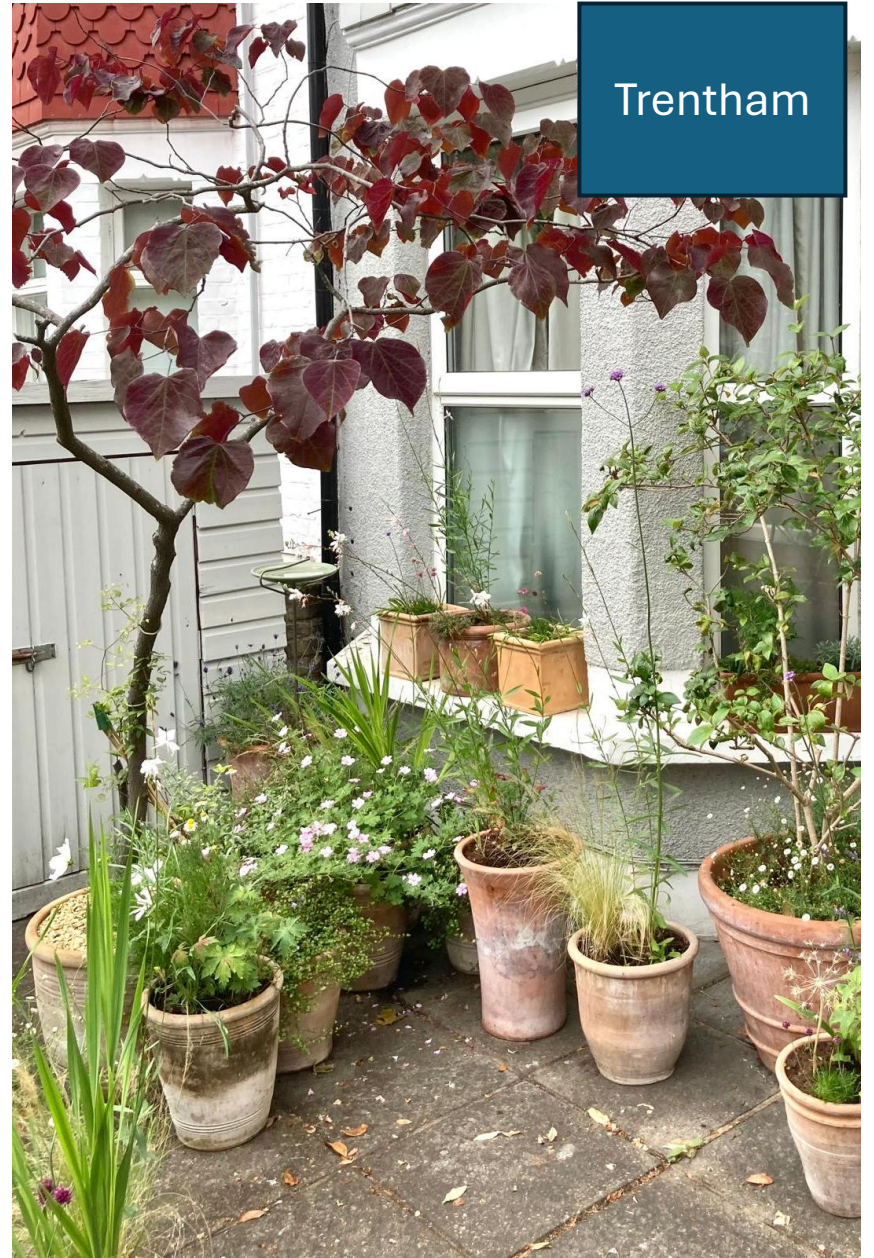
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Delightful!



Southfields Grid
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Making a difference to life on the grid



Elsenham



Heythorp



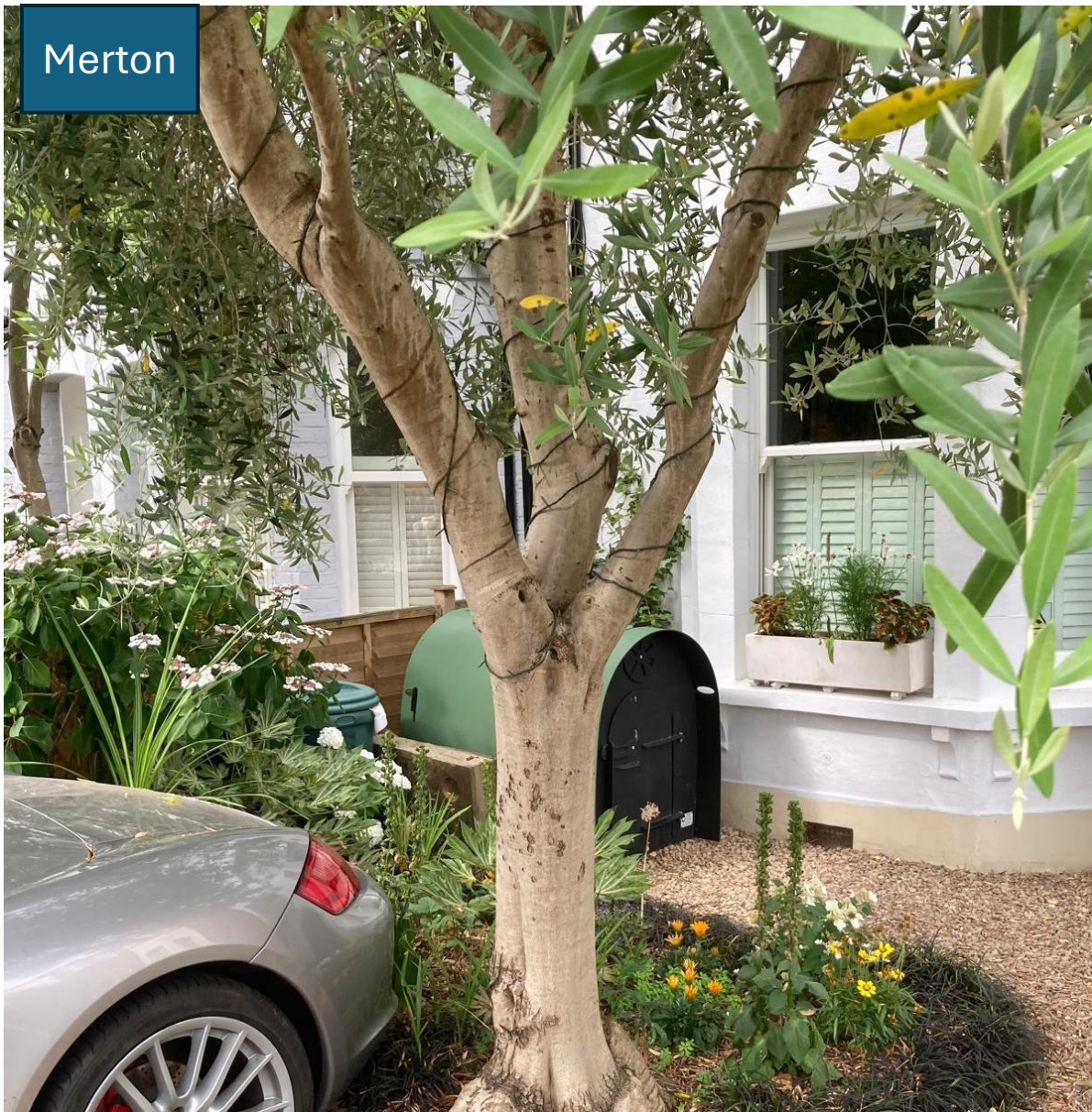
Clonmore



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Front Garden Awards 2025

Outstanding!

30 Awards
handed out
– 5 more
than last
year.



Trentham



Revelstoke



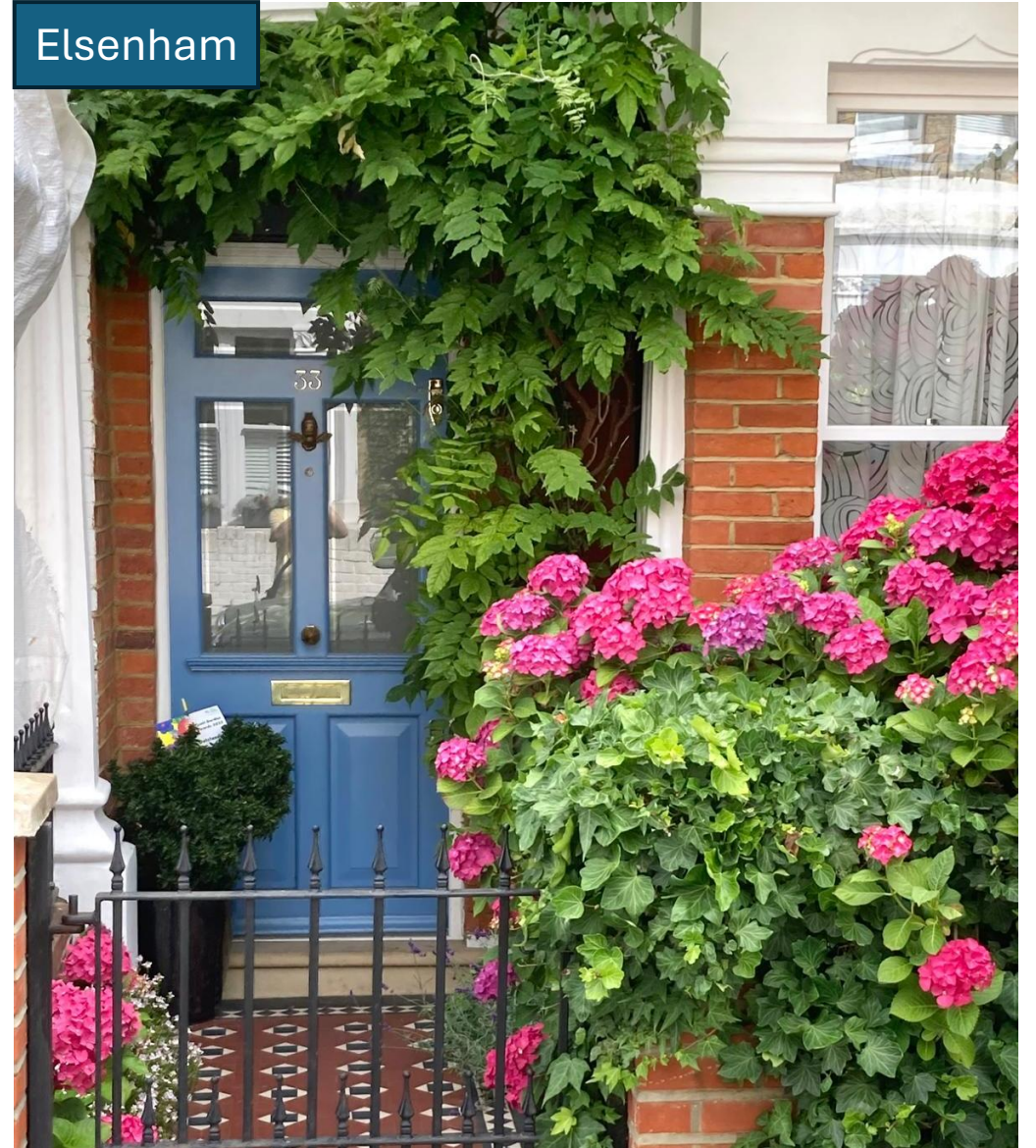
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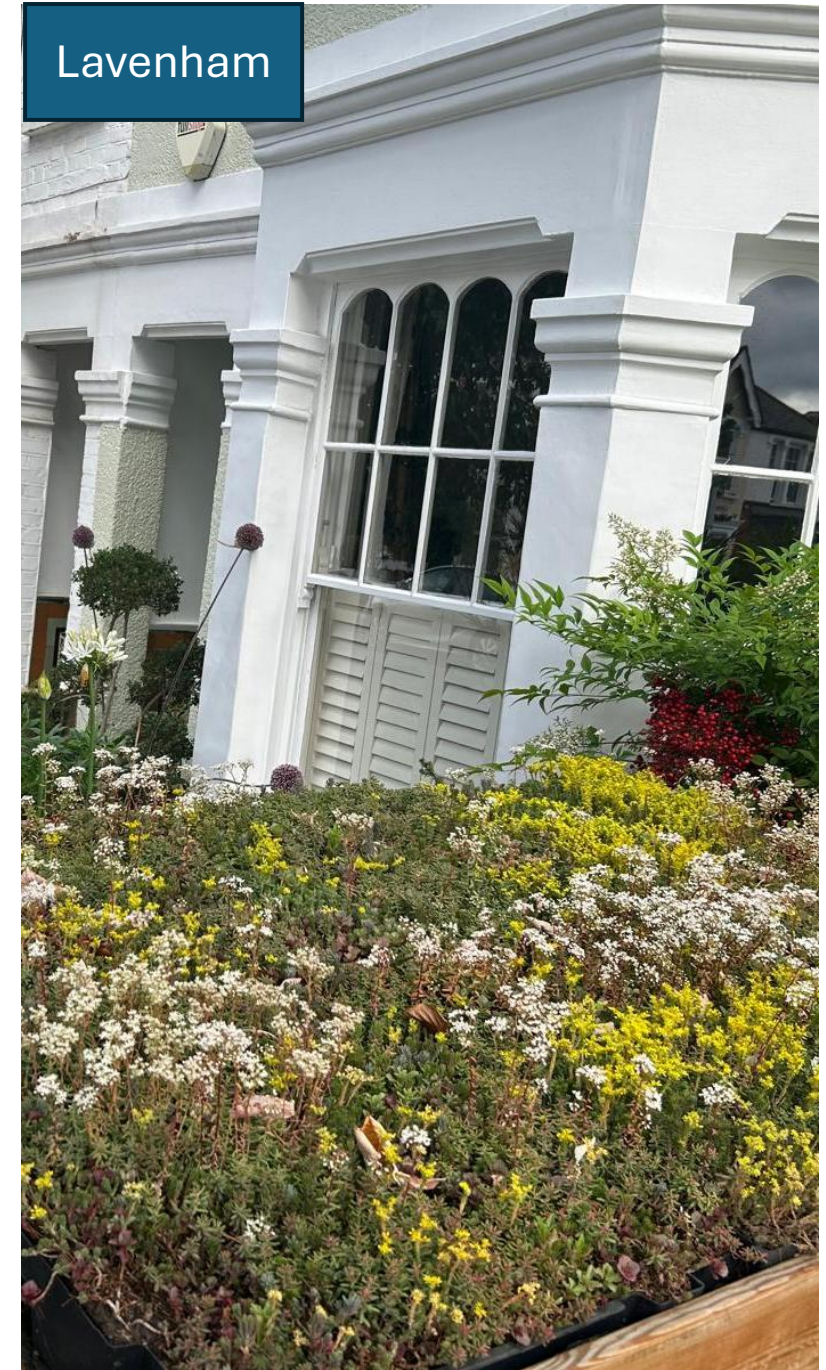
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Pirbright



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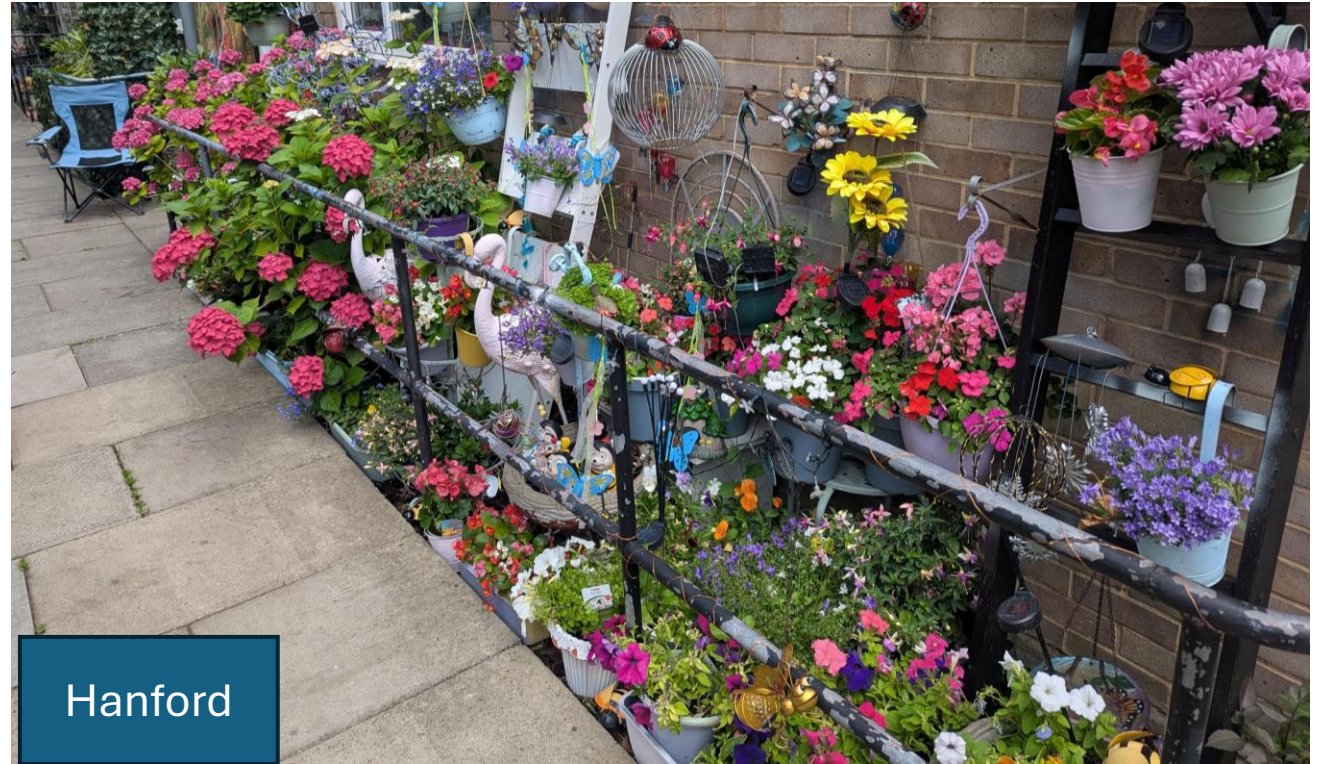




Clonmore



Heythorp



Hanford

Memories are made of
this

Elsenham
2020



Elsenham
2021



Trentham
2022



Elborough
2024

61,
Astonville
Street
Runner-up





190,
Heythorp
Street
Runner-up



154,
Clonmore
Street
Winner



Congratulations to our winner and runners up
2025

