



WROXTON COTTAGE – PLANTING PALETTE

Tree & Shrub Planting proposals
chosen for their successional seasonal interest

REVISED 27/3 to substitute white plants with more red toned plants



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PLANTING ZONES



ZONE A





Malus Royalty (Crabapple)
To replace old Greengage





Prunus subhirtella autumnalis
Flowering cherry to replace
other old Greengage







Anemones.

The *Anemone x hybrida* Honerine (1) is a wonderful addition to a border because of its long flowering season from August to October. Its height and relaxed form compliment its reliability. These could be planted on the left side of the path

Anemone leveillei (2) is a hardy lower growing variety which is dramatic in swathes.



Rosa Iceberg (climber)

An alternative: Sweet smelling small repeat flowering rose which I have successfully planted against walls and over arches

Flowering: June/July to September



Rosa Generous Gardener. Highly fragrant and repeat flowering this musk rose is hardy and reliable.

The leaves remain on the plant well into the winter. Requires little pruning if trained on an arch.

I propose this rose covers your arch into the kids play area.



Dryopteris affinis, *Dryopteris walliciana*, *Dryopteris Felix-Mas*
Your very own 'Fernery' on the very shaded slopes below the climbing frame. I would suggest interplanting woodland bulbs Like Anemone, Bluebell (native), Lily of the Valley



ZONE B





1. *Philadelphus Virginal*
(Mock Orange)



An absolute must in your garden as the scent is wonderful and shape and structure within this plant are remarkable. Flowering June and July this 'Mock Orange' eclipses most shrubs with its powerful scent.



Buddleia davidii with its evocative smell and languorous habit . I propose ‘Dark Knight’ as a dramatic deep purple.



Escallonia 'Donard Seedling'

EVERGREEN

Vigorous compact evergreen with dark glossy
leaves and rose red flowers

Flowering: June





Hebe “Purple Pixie”

An EVERGREEN dwarf shrub

This shrubby Veronica has rounded bronze evergreen foliage noted for its delicious violet flowers that grow copiously on erect spikes.

Flowering: **May to September**



Ceanothus Trewithen Blue. We all deserve a Californian lilac but the difficult thing is to find the bluest variety. I'm still undecided but this one definitely performs for me. Full sun, happy even on a slope if well watered. Tough, resilient and long lasting if pruned after flowering. Flowers May/June.
Also recommend *C. Burkwoodii* in addition as flowers August/September and needs a prune by a third.





Pieris japonica Mountain Fire

A popular Victorian plant offering up colour in February and March and if it survives the Frost provides a further display in Summer. Slow growing and prefers a partly shady spot



Wonderful true blue *Hibiscus syriacus* “Oiseau Bleu”
Bright blue flowers arrive in late Spring and last
through to the end of August



Lavandula 'Hidcote' is my preferred lavender as it has a neat compact form, the deepest tone of flowers and a powerful scent. Avoid giving these plants too much 'tlc' as being of truly Mediterranean origin they like to struggle a bit in full sun. I have lost many to soils which have been too heavily fertilised/composted.

To line the top of the wall with *Rosa Felicia* behind providing wonderful purple flowers with superb scent



Climbing and shrub rose
Rosa Felicia

My favourite bushy shrub rose with the most delicious scent. I propose 5 of these planted behind the Lavender (*Lavendula Hidcote*) border



Deutzia x Hybrida Mont Rose

Hardy and fragrant

Flowering: June



Sambuca nigra 'Black Lace' The black elderflower is an excellent counterpoint for most perennials as its colour and habit give style and structure to the less formal perennials



Syringa Charles Jolly

Double magenta highly fragrant flowers

Bushy medium sized lilac

Flowering: April/May



I'm not a huge lover of the tulip magnolia (*grandiflora*) as they tend to swamp any design subtlety but this one is really a star hence *Magnolia Stellata*. Lovely white foil to March/April/early May planting.



PERENNIALS



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Flowering July/ August Agapanthus adore full sun and like to struggle i.e. they do not want to have loads of fertilizer. By planting in pots we can arrange them within a border

1. *Agapanthus* 'Purple Cloud'
2. *Agapanthus* 'Midnight Blue'



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Aquilegia

Although considered by many to be too diminutive the *Aquilegia* has 2 important attributes. It has a wide range of colour across the species and it flowers at what many gardeners describe as ‘the awkward time’! This is at the end of Spring and at the start of summer but before the real show-offs like the roses take over! Although they tend to be considered as semi-wild flowers there is always a space for them in a garden whose aspect is not in full sun all day i.e they relish dappled shade

1. *Aquilegia* Blue Barlow
2. *Aquilegia* Origami Rose
3. *Aquilegia* Melba Higgins



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Aстранtia

These are hardy front/middle of border plants which have 2 flowering Periods May/June and August/September and are therefore one of my favourites.

The key is not to plant different varieties close to each other otherwise they hybridise!

1. *Aстранtia major*
2. *Aстранtia* Pink Pride
3. *Aстранtia* Roma



Campanula

Campanula trachelium and *Campanula persicifolia*
are true blue bellflowers
and the is *Platycodon grandiflorus* , from the same
family is a stunning blue





Delphinium

Lovely to have but you need to support the stems well with sturdy metal rings and keep the aphids off with frequent spraying!
Otherwise wonderful varieties. My favourites are

1. *Delphinium* Bluebird
2. *Delphinium* King Alfred



Echinacea Tomato Soup!



Monarda Fireball



Penstemon Firebird





Salvia

These can form the backbone of your perennial planting as there are so many varieties to choose from. Some flowering from May to November! The majority like a chalky soil so finally a perennial that likes our native soil. However all are very happy in pots and many people overlook their potential as moveable colour throughout the season. My favourites are:

1. *Salvia farinacea* Victoria
2. *Salvia nemorosa* East Friesland
3. *Salvia uliginosa*



Verbascum phoeniceum

The yellow verbascum pops up everywhere but maybe consider the pink one here in the driest areas of your garden.

V. phoeniceum Violetta







Gaura lindheimeri ‘Snowstorm’ & ‘Siskiyou’

Wonderful long flowering perennial that bends and sways in the wind – very relaxing! Lovely to have where children run and play so along your top path would suit perfectly





Honeysuckle

It would be good to encourage these highly scented plants to climb through your existing Tree in this main bed.

Lonicera henryana. Evergreen non- scented variety flowering in mid Summer

Lonicera halliana, Evergreen large leaved, highly scented in mid summer

Lonicera periclymenum Graham Thomas Deciduous highly scented, longest flowering variety



ZONE C







Amelanchier grandiflora “Robin Hill” Dense upright small tree which bursts into life end of March with small white/pink starry flowers. Has eye-catching red berries in June followed by rich red and orange Autumnal foliage. I would propose this was on the right side of the lawn (looking at my pic of this zone)





Shrubby Geraniums

I can't do without these as they are fabulous low maintenance border plants. Some are 'cut and come again' so when they die back you simply need to level them to get another show. That show lasts from May to October .

I propose you line the edge of the wall that follows the path in a narrow bed. *All beds which border the lawn would require edging – we use a brown or slate metal edge. Many varieties but my favourites are:

1. *Geranium rozanne*
2. *Geranium orion*



ZONE D



This area is more challenging for planting as it falls into semi-shade. I am therefore proposing shrubs that tolerate this aspect



Abelia grandiflora

Reliable compact bushy shrub

Fragrant arching white flowers

SEMI EVERGREEN

Flowering July-September



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A popular Victorian plant offering up colour in February and March and if it survives the Frost provides a further display in Summer. Slow growing and prefers a partly shady spot



Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Elizabeth'

EVERGREEN

Fragrant in early summer

Reliable shrub with good variegation



Berberis thunbergii Red Lady

Deep purple red foliage which changes a dramatic orange in Autumn. Frangrant and very bee friendly!



Helleborus Red Lady
The Lenten rose with colour January
to the end of March



Ultra reliable *Camellia* 'Williamsii' offering up early Spring colour in semi shade



Heuchera



Omphalodes Cappadocia

Attractive contrasting groundcover favourites



ZONE E







The most challenging area to plant interesting varieties as levels of light and sunshine are severely restricted and achieving strong colour in this area will be difficult unless some height can be taken off the surrounding trees.

You could consider bamboo (1) but I would suggest the black variety (*phyllostachys nigra*) and possibly the gold (*phyllostachys aurea*) and I would plant them within a metal rootguard as they can take over. These can gain significant height and the gold one is fast growing. Hostas & Ferns (2&3) Dwarf sweet box *Sarcococca hookeriana* var. *humilis* (4) is an excellent low edging hedge plant and offers up a surprising scent in winter. A *Euphorbia characias* *Wulfenii* (5) and a *Chamaerops humilis* (6) will add structure and architectural interest



Other Euphorbias to consider
Euphorbia amygdaloides & *subsp.characias*



More *Hosta* to consider
Get the slug pellets out!





Polygonatum



Convallaria majalis



Erythronium japonicum



Anemone nemerosa

Woodland bulbs perfect
for this deep shade



ZONE F



I am proposing that we take up the current grass as it simply isn't happy here and is impractical for mowing anyway. I propose this becomes an evergreen shrubbery but with red, white and grey tones



Pittosporum tenuifolium Irene Patterson

Hardy **EVERGREEN** shrub with simple, leathery

Leaves and small, honey scented deep purple , 5-petalled flowers

Flowering: **May to June**



Viburnum tinus 'French white' – reliable evergreen, scented, flowers Feb-March.



Sarcocca hookeriana var *digna*

'Sweet Box' amazing scent in the depth of winter.

Pretty white flowers

Flowering: December



Skimmia japonica 'Rubella'



Griselinia littoralis

Reliable lime EVERGREEN



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