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Discover

Three years ago we purchased a house off plot from a local builder.

After the house was built the garden was left as a dumping ground for waste materials used to build the house.

I am a novice gardener so the prospect of a big garden I couldn't look after scared me. With little knowledge of plants and flowers I was unsure where to start. However I was conscious to ensure that we added flowers and shrubs that would attract wildlife, as well as look attractive. The summer of 2020 afforded us the opportunity to begin work on the garden. The garden is ever evolving and we continue to add interest and texture.



The Inspiration for the colours chosen in my garden came from my wedding bouquet which was a mix of purple, white and lilac flowers. I liked how vibrant the colours were and wanted to recreate happy memories from my wedding so chose a similar colour scheme for the plants and shrubs.



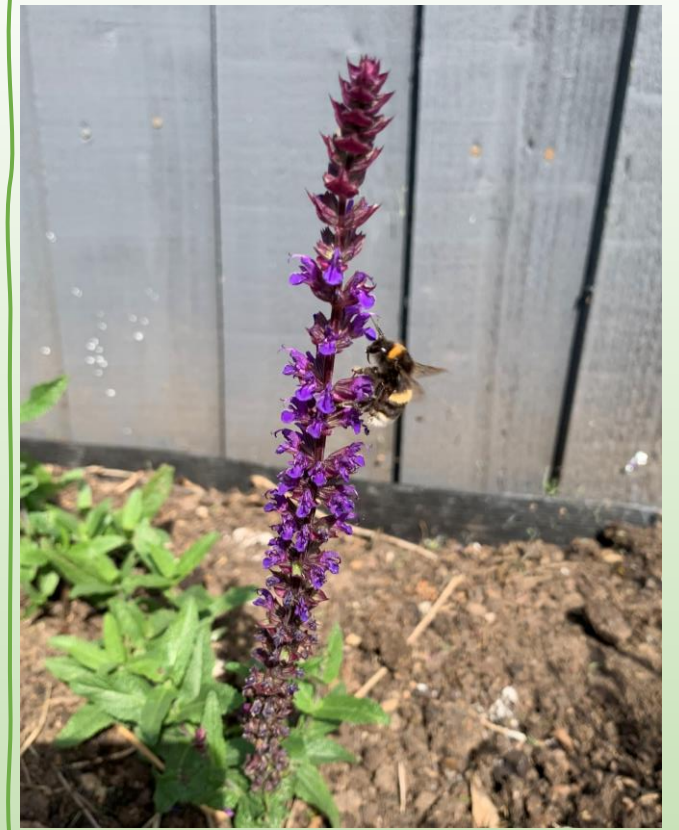


I usually buy Flowers from the local supermarket. However this vase is from my very own garden!

A collage created using dried flowers from my garden.



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When choosing plants I was conscious to pick flowers which would attract pollinators such as Bees.

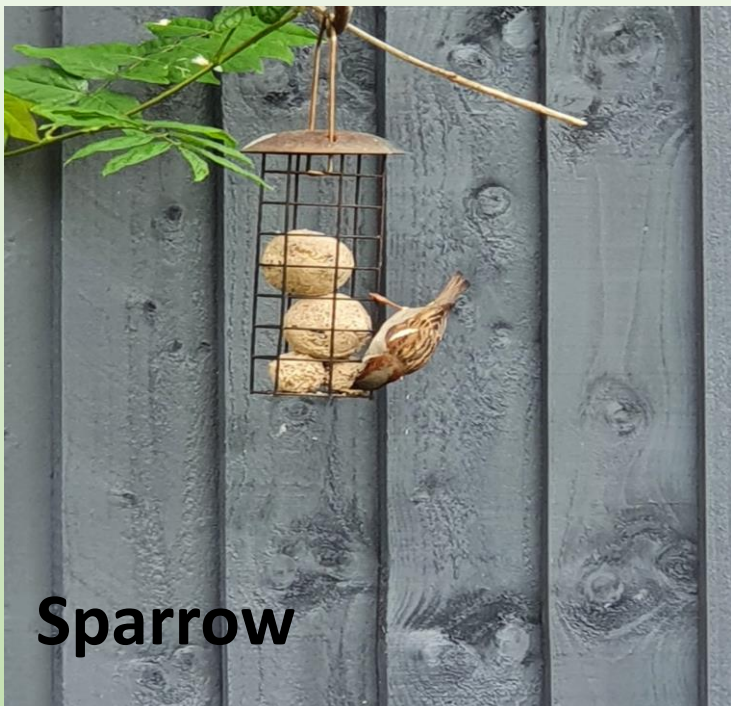
Bees need a variety of flowers to be able to eat the nectar and pollen. Bees help to pollinate plants by transferring pollen from plant to plant. Bees are attracted to bright coloured flowers and we observed them at work amongst the flowers within my flower beds.

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There are said to be 16 common birds that can be seen in British gardens. These photographs show some of the birds visiting my garden.



Sparrow



Wren



Great Tit



Wood Pidgeon



Robin



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Two Little Sparrows (to
the tune of I'm a little teapot)

We are little sparrows
Small and sweet
Hear us chirp and hear us
tweet
When we see the bird
seed
Down we'll sweep
Come on friends its time
to eat.

Some of the
amazing wildlife
spotted in my
garden.



**This Squirrel is a
regular visitor to the
garden. He often steals
food from the birds!**

Conserve



The bug hotel was made from recycled materials left over from the house build and garden project. The roof tiles came from my neighbours roof which had recently been replaced.

Our Haven
A place to creep
A place to crawl
Not in the grass
And not on the wall

A haven to hide
A haven to grow
Safe from the humans
The Magpies and the Crows

Not in a web
Or a nest or a mound
Not up in a tree
But far enough from the ground

In the nooks and the crannies
Of the bamboo and rocks
We hide from the hedgehogs
And the cunning old fox

A place where we can buzz
Where we can scurry and squirm
Bees Ants and Butterflies
Snails bugs and Worms

All Sharing our spaces
We explore and we roam
And mingle together
In our own insect home

In our haven together
We escape from the strife
Our safe sanctuary
From the circle of life.

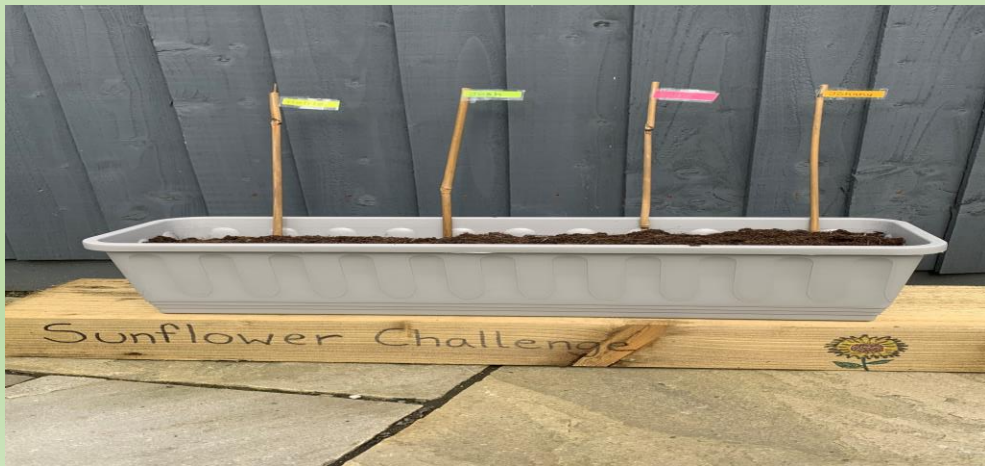
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Home made bird feeders which the squirrel enjoyed!



We planted an Apple Tree and although it is in it's infancy we hope in a few years to have some apples to be able to make our own pies.



In order to conserve water we purchased a water butt which we have connected to a downpipe to allow us to conserve rain water and use this to water the garden. This will enable us to continue to conserve water long after participation in the John Muir award.



Sharing my experience

The John Muir award has allowed me the opportunity to share my experience with my own family. It has also developed my knowledge about nature which will give me confidence to share with children in my workplace. I hope to be able to make bird feeders with the children so that they can use them in their own gardens, and share the experience with their own families. I also hope to be able to build a bug hotel in our woodland area, so that they can learn how to take care of the insects and bugs.

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If your plan is for one year plant rice. If your plan is for ten years plant trees. If your plan is for one hundred years educate children.

Confucius

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**Every flower is a soul
blossoming in nature.**

~John Muir

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