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*Sustainability In
the Early Years.*

***MY GARDEN JOURNEY
SINCE LOCKDOWN***

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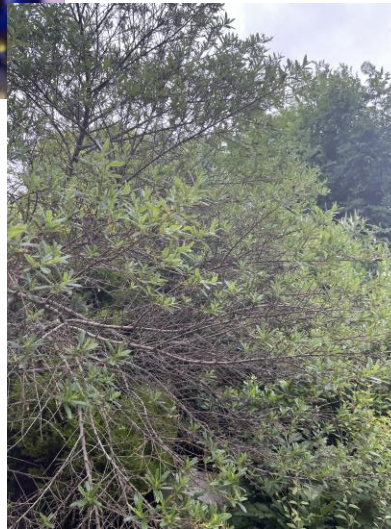
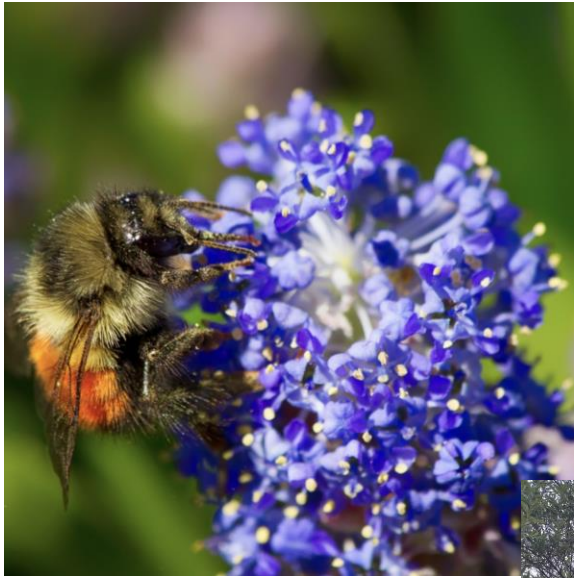
wild places:
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Morning Coffee

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As I enjoyed my morning coffee I listened to the bees buzzing busily from flower to flower and I realised that there were so many different varieties. Sadly, the Californian Lilac only flowers for a few weeks but it inspired me to plant more flowers.



Pollinators or pests?



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I found a wasp nest next to my strawberries. They are also important for our eco system. They not only accidentally pollinate, but they feed off insects which would otherwise eat the fruit.

From Seedlings to Flowers



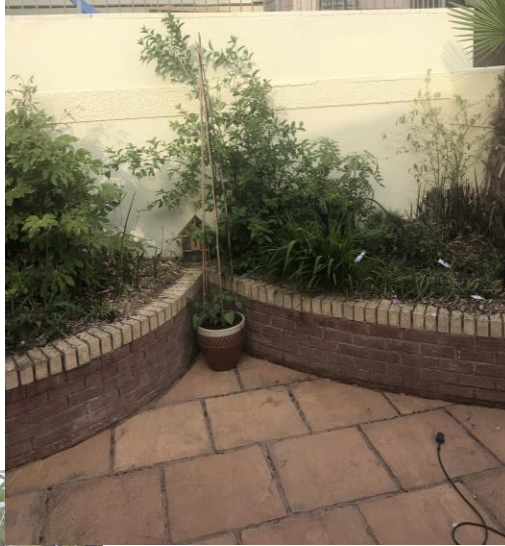
I am particularly proud of the Dianthus which I grew from seed. I had never tried this before. They are still going strong two years later.

Fruits



The Fruit trees which I planted have really developed. The apples will be ready in late summer although I am already enjoying the strawberries and will have a second crop in September. I am yet to have any luck with the pears as they fall before they ripen but I am working on it.

Utilising every space



Lockdown inspired me to take care of the garden and appreciate it more. But you don't need lots of space to create a garden.

Clematis



I bought these fancy pots for the Clematis so that I could train them. But they have a mind of their own and are now growing higher than the trellis. As they are either side of the door I plan to add twine so they will eventually meet and create an archway.

*Too adventurous maybe ?
I have noticed that I have my first flower this week!*

Hanging Baskets



My hanging baskets are a work in progress. I have yet to find the right plants to create the effect that I would like. I definitely don't think the geraniums are suitable and I prefer the smaller flowers such as Lobelia and Violas.

Front "garden"



The front of my house is mostly driveway but I have even managed to find space here where flowers will grow.

Herbs



I found a wooden planter to grow herbs. Herbs are easy to grow and can sometimes take over the garden so it has to be kept under control, however the smell of the out of control mint is amazing!

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What an amazing transformation in just two years. With very little knowledge of gardening I have managed to create something that I am very proud of and I know that this hobby will continue for the rest of my life.

To be Continued.....



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It isn't too late
Let's all do something
To improve its fate



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Don't take the car
Let's go for a walk
It isn't that far



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Plant some trees
Pretty ones to attract
Butterflies and Bees

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Don't book the flight
Let's holiday at home
And enjoy the local sights



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Take time to reflect
Look, Explore and discover
With nature reconnect.