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General care needs assesment

This planting scheme is designed to provide texture, colour and fragrance across the maximum number of months in the year to benefit the surrounding nature as well as to please the owners. The vast majority of the plants in this project produce vibrant colours and pollinator-friendly blossoms.

Due to limited space, plant species have been chosen carefully to exclude any invasive or fast rate growers. For example, the predominant climber in the scheme is Trachelospermum Jasminoides whose rate of growth is substantially slower than some of the well-known climber like Wisteria, or Akibia.

Once established, with its evergreen foliage and dense canopy, this climber provides the perfect nesting habitat for small birds such as: Black bird, Robin, Wren, or Dunnock, further adding to its appeal. Similarly, its fragrant and abundant blossoms attract bees and other pollinators making it an obvious first choice.

Light access, soil and water needs, pruning.

Taking in the account the two existing mature Lime trees, the general premise for the taller species selected (the first 6 plants in the 'small trees and shrubs' section) is to keep them below 3/3.5 metres height (fulfilling some privacy needs, without excessively limiting the amount of light access to the smaller plants).

The plants chosen are rather resilient and proven to handle the UK weather conditions, growing well in moderately drained and heavier soils; they are partial shade species with low to moderate water needs.

Hardy plants in the scheme like the small trees, shrubs and climbers require pruning at most twice a year. The perennial plants are to be deadheaded once a year after the vegetation period has ended and once the foliage has died and dried away.

The scheme also allows for some planters positioned in the basement lightwells and to the rear ground floor courtyard, all housing Trachelospermum jasminoides.

Wires will support the climbers and help create a green wall effect.

The choice is driven by limited light access which this climber handles very well without excessive impact on the foliage (very limited leaves shed in the lower sections of the plants while the volume is established).

Please see the below selection of plants:

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Small trees and shrubs:

- *Magnolia stellata
- *Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Irene Patterson'
- *Cornus kousa 'Chinensis' 'Weisse Fontaine'
- *Camelia japonica
- *Callicarpa bodinieri
- *Hibiscus syriacus 'oiseau blue'
- *Daphne odora aureomarginata Daphne bholua
- *Fothergilla major
- *Comprosma chocolate
- *Hydrangea arborescense anabelle
- *Hydrangea paniculata kyushu
- *Rhododendron dwerg 'impetitum select'
- *Rhododendron 'winsome'
- *Azalea japonica

Upright Roses:

- *Fragrant delight floribunda
- *Peace hybrid tea rose
- *Cornelia hybrid musk rose

Climbers:

- *Trachelospermum jasminoides
- *Clematis (viticella group various colours)
- *Hydrangea anomala

Perennials:

*Geranium ' Johnson blue ' - ' Rozanne '

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*Iberis sempervirens
*Helleborus ' Anna's Red '
*Pulsatilla vulgaris
*Euphorbia amygdaloides
*Lychnis coronaria ' Rose Campion '
*Scabious ' Butterfly blue beauty '
*Anemone hybrida ' Bressingham Glow ' - ' Whirlwind '
*Penstemon ' Rich ruby '
*Sedum spectabile ' Brilliant ' - ' Matrona '
*Echinops ' Bowles Mauve '
*Sisyrinchium striatum
*Lysimachia punctata

Free standing planters:

*Buddleja davidii ' Black Knight '

Bulbs:

- *Puschinia libanotica
- *Anemone ' blanda blue '
- *Galanthus (snowdrops)
- *Chionodoxa
- *Cyclamen coum Persian violet
- *Nerine bowdenii
- *Ornamental alliums