

## Garden diary number five.

I have started this diary with some photos sent in by Rosemary Cox. They were taken in her garden three years ago around this time of year before she moved.



*Aquilegia jonesii*



*Oxalis* 'dark eye'



*Dactylorhiza* hybrid



Three plants are top left *Dianthus glacialis*, top right *Geranium farreri* and left is *Ramonda serbica*. I would have liked to have included more of the photos Rosemary sent in but only had space for these well grown specimens.

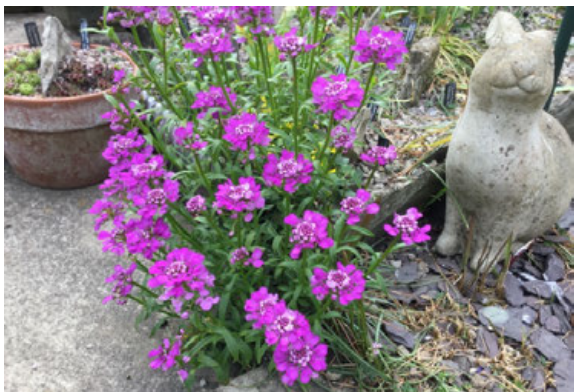
Trevor Wright sent the next selection in and once again I had to leave a lot of good photos out and choose only a few. There are a good variety of well grown specimens which makes editing these photos together very pleasurable. Even the rabbit is happy to pose alongside one of the plants!



*Saxifraga* 'Slacks Ruby Southside'



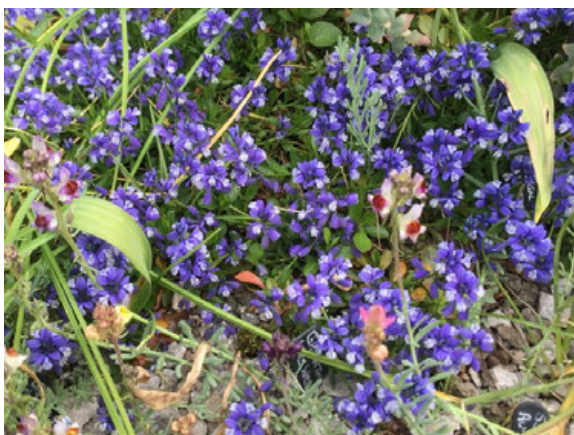
*Saxifraga x lantoscana*



*Iberis* 'Absolutely Amethyst'



*Phlox* 'Kelly's Eye'



*Polygala calcarea* 'Bulley's form'



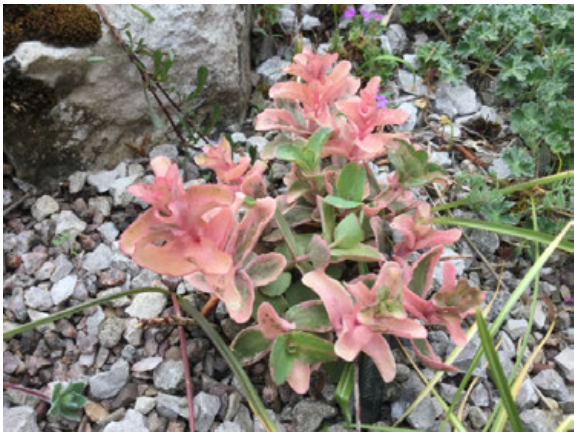
*Achillea x kolbaina* 'Weston'



*Arenaria purpurascens*



*Lithodora diffusa* 'Star'



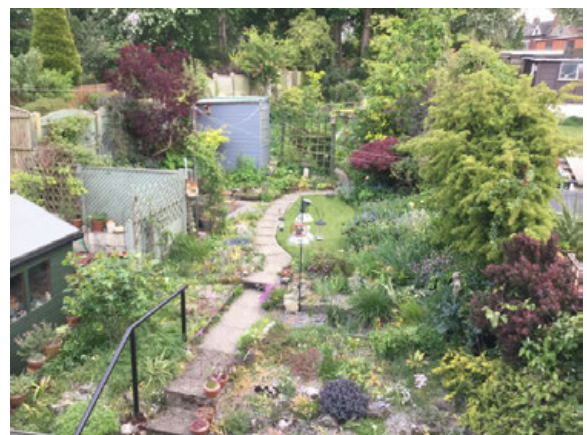
*Sedum* 'Winky'



*Ranunculus parnassifolius*



*Brimeura amethystina*



General view of garden

Four photographs from Di and Bob darks garden, three plants and a colourful visitor.



*Iris 'Holden Clough'*



*Allium christophii*



*Dactylorhiza praetermissa?*



Red legged partridge

Finally, two views from our conservatory - the bed is raised to just below eye level affording close up views of the plants. I love getting my hands dirty and doing the work but it is important to sit back and enjoy the results. The sun lovers like the rock roses and erodiums have never looked better after all the recent sun. The woodland and shade loving plants need a lot of water to stop them going over but still give a good display. The *Meconopsis sheldonii* backlit against the *Acer dissectum* shows off the blue to stunning effect. An enjoyable place to eat, drink and admire the plants.

