

PORT SUNLIGHT VILLAGE TRUST

COMPLEMENTARY FRONT BORDER PLANTING POLICY



Policy Sponsor:	Estate & HR Manager
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Introduction

If you are a house owner or tenant within the village, the front garden of your property remains in the ownership of Port Sunlight Village Trust, who are responsible for its general care and upkeep.

We do however encourage residents to take pride in their front borders and allow them to carry out complementary planting which will improve the border and generally enhance the appearance of the village.

Statement of Intent

To ensure that all residents have a clear understanding on what they are able / not able to do in regards to complementary front border planting.

The Policy

Planting can take the form of bedding plant displays, herbaceous planting or the planting of small shrubs. It is important however that such planting is undertaken with materials which are in keeping with the village, are not invasive and will not cause any problems by being too large and therefore obstructing windows or pathways in the future.

Any planting which impedes our general maintenance operations will not be allowed. This includes obstructing hedge lines, bedding displays and any shrubs which stop mowing machines crossing paths. The installation of any landscape features such as edging materials, gravel, paving or seating areas at the front of the properties will also be unacceptable. In addition, existing trees or shrubs should not be removed without first seeking the authority of the Landscape Manager.

If, after planting, borders are allowed to get out of control or such features are installed without approval, the Trust reserves the right to clean up the offending area or remove unacceptable items or materials altogether.

Shown below are a selection of bedding plants, herbaceous plants and shrubs which are ideal to complement or create new borders.

1. Bedding Plants

1.1. Autumn/Spring Materials

Bellis
Pansy
Polyanthus
Myosotis
Wallflowers

1.2. Bulbs/Corms

Crocus
Iris Reticulata
Anemone
Chinodoxa
Hyacinths
Muscari
Scilla
Fritillaria
Galanthus Nivealis (Snowdrops)
Endymion Non Scriptus (Blue Bells)
Rockery Narcissi - Tete-a-tete, Jack Snipe etc
Colchicums - Autumn flowers
Hardy Cyclamen

1.3. Summer Flowering Materials

Ageratum
Alyssum
Antirrhinum
Begonia Semperflorens
Begonia Tuberous
Geraniums
Impatiens
Lobelia
Marigolds
Nemesia
Nicotiana
Petunia
Salvia

1.4. Summer Flowering Bulbs

Brodinea
Allium
English Iris
Triteleia Uniflorum Wisley Blue
Lilies Asiatic Hybrids

2. Shrubs

The following shrubs are suitable for planting in front borders in addition to being compatible with the overall planting in the Village.

EG = Evergreen, GC = Ground Cover, F = Flowering, FP = Foliage Plant, B = Bark Effects, CB = Berries

Aucuba Japonica Nana	EG
Artemisa Powis Castle	FP
Cornus Alba Siberica	B
Euonymus Emerald and Gold	F
Genista Lydia	F
Hebe	EG
Hydrangea	F
Lavendula	F

Prunus Otto Luyken	EG
Senecio	FP
Viburnum Davidii	EG
Fuchsia (Outdoor Varieties)	F
Rosemary	F
Ceanothus Prostratus Repen	GC
Buxus Sempervirens	EG
Caryopteris	F
Chaenomeles	F
Cistus	F
Cytisus (small varieties)	F
Daphne	F
Forsythia Arnold Dwarf	F
Helianthemum	F
Hypericum	F
Pernettya	CB
Potentilla	F
Dwarf Rhododendron	F
Santolina	FP
Spirea Dwarf Varieties	F

3. **Herbaceous Plants**

Acanthus Mollis
 Anemone Japonica
 Astilbe
 Aubretia
 Bergenia Cordifolia
 Campanula
 Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
 Edelweiss
 Geranium
 Helleborus
 Hemerocallis
 Heuchera
 Hosta
 Primula
 Scabiosa

4. **Wall Plants**

Ampelopsis
 Clematis
 Hedera
 Jasminum
 Lonicera
 Parthenocissus
 Passiflora
 Vitis
 Wisteria
 Climbing Roses

All plants shown are for front borders and will not exceed one metre in height avoiding any problems with natural light being excluded from the house.

Prior to planting you should check if the plant selected is suitable for the position you have available. There are numerous reasonably priced plant books or specialist web sites where you can get advice and guidance in respect of position and / or soil requirements.

Finally when you are planting ensure the ground is well prepared and the plants are watered in.

Continue watering throughout the first growing season during dry periods.

Equality and Diversity

Port Sunlight Village Trust is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. We treat everyone fairly according to their needs, regardless of their race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, marital or civil partnership status, age, disability or pregnancy and maternity status.

Contacting Us:

If you would like to contact us to discuss this policy or anything else, the best way to do this is by calling our main office on 0151 644 4800, we will be more than happy to assist you.

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