

# Dovehouse Green Planting Schemes

## Theme 1 Plant collectors and explorers

An homage to the Veitch Family Nurseries, well-known plant collectors who had a plant nursery in Chelsea and designed the formal gardens in St Luke's Gardens when the area was first opened as a public park.

Feature plants will be species introduced to the UK by Veitch Nurseries, or named after the Veitch family and the plant collectors they employed.

Lower level planting and spring bulbs, while not all linked to Veich Nurseries, will complement the scheme and provide wildlife benefits.



**Tulip tree:** introduced to UK by Veitch Nurseries



**Magnolia stellata:** first plants to flower in the UK were collected and grown by Veitch Nurseries



**William Lobb Rose:** William Lobb was a famous plant collector who worked for Veitch Nurseries



**Echinops ritro 'Veitch's Blue'**



**Desfontainia spinosa:** a Veitch nurseries introduction



**James Veitch Rose**



**Berberis darwinii:** Discovered by Darwin and introduced by the plant hunter William Lobb for Veitch nurseries



**Clematis montana var. wilsonii:** wilsonii: Introduced by and named after Ernest Henry Wilson a plant hunter linked to Veitch Nurseries



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## Theme 2 Wildlife

This scheme has been designed to provide maximum benefits for pollinators and wildlife. Nectar-rich flowers, log piles, insect hotels, and berry-producing shrubs will support a wide range of invertebrate lifecycles providing food and shelter.

Plants in this scheme will be chosen from BugLife, Butterfly Conservation Trust and Bee Conservation Trust plant lists.



**Insect Hotels and Log Piles** provide shelter for solitary bees and other insects



**Perennial Wallflowers** flower from April through the summer and are great for butterflies



**Hawthorn:** Small native tree good for birds and insects



**Echiums and Honesty** are a magnet for bees and butterflies in the summer



**Hellebores** provide early flowers and will feed pollinators active on sunny winter days.



**Hebes** and other flowering shrubs provide shelter and nectar



**Broom** supports invertebrates at varying stages of their lifecycle



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## Theme 3 Food for all

Plants that are edible for both people and wildlife including herbs, fruit and medicinal plants.



**Thyme, Marjoram, Sage, Rosemary**, (clockwise from top left ): are just some flowering herbs that are great for wildlife and provide nectar for pollinators.



**Borage and Echinacea**: Medicinal plants that are also good forage for pollinating insects.



**Fruit trees**: such as elder, crab apple and sloe (top to bottom) produce blossom and nectar in spring and edible fruit in the autumn which is also good for wildlife.



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