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Scenter forward

Santolina chamaecyparissus – cotton lavender – which has a soothing scent similar to thyme.

Mexican orange blossom has sharply fragrant leaves that, when crushed, emit a citrusy smell.

CLIMBING PLANTS

Climbers are particularly useful plants when it comes to smell.

When they are used to embellish archways, fences and patios, they

surround the whole area with their delicious scents.

Jasmine officinale is a beautiful white flowering climber to keep in mind, as well as that old classic, honeysuckle, which is renowned for its perfectly sweet scent.

Companion-plant both early and late Dutch honeysuckle for fantastic colour and fragrance continually from May to September. Late Dutch

honeysuckle will take over from the early variety in June or July. Cytisus Battandieri is another beautiful plant and it smells of fresh pineapple.

And not forgetting sweet pea, which is a great classic addition to any fragrance garden.

FUN FOR KIDS

It is a good idea to get children involved in the gardening and with school holidays coming up, it will keep

them occupied and away from the tech and telly.

Kids love plants that bring vibrant colour, texture and, of course, weird and wonderful smells.

Lemon verbena is a top plant that is easy for little ones to grow, with the added bonus that it smells of zingy lemon sherbet.

Mint is always popular with children and comes in loads of exciting varieties, including peppermint, spearmint and even chocolate mint.

Lemon-scented thyme is another herb that has a zesty fragrance they will love.

And if there are any chocoholics in the family, then plant up some chocolate cosmos, which has unique deep crimson flowers that smell like chocolate too.

Fragrance adds so much to the garden. So go wild and create a whole sensory experience with a clever choice of plants.

Not only will it be a treat for your nose but you will attract those important pollinators, which return the love to your garden.

praise for a church yard resurrection

at first because I had no funding and I wasn't sure how many – if any – residents would be on board. Luckily, I need not have worried.

"A lot has happened in the past four months. We built an allotment garden at the school, which is being used as an after-school gardening club.

"We also built a garden at the church out of recycled car tyres.

"We repaired and painted the church railings – last time they were painted



was 1947 – and built and planted raised beds and built fairy houses.

"We encouraged the community to plant up their own gardens and put hanging baskets around the village."

They are also planning a nature walk at the fishing pools with bug hotels, bat

houses and a wildflower planting area to attract insect life.

Dad-of-one James added: "It's a lovely location to live in and the residents have been brought together.

"We are excited to see how we do in Cultivation Street this year."

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OFFER of the week

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GADGET



Razzle-dazzle mighty nozzle

This terrific attachment from Quantum turns an ordinary garden hose into a sprinkler to keep lawns, borders and veg beds fresh in the hot weather.

Pop it on the end of your hosepipe and, depending how you adjust it, the oscillating nozzles can cover up to 300 square metres – if your water pressure is strong enough.

Perfect for keeping everything green over summer. I found it for £11.99 at **amazon.co.uk**.