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Example Situation 1– Sloped Areas

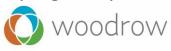
Busy Roadside area – north facing.



- **Clipped Ivy beds**
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- Aubretia
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- Alpine border (e.g. Sedum and creeping Campanulas)



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Situation 2 – Community Garden – Damp Soil



- Clipped Ivy beds
- Erica heathers
- Astilbe or other bog garden plants
- Potential to enrich the soil with some



- Ground cover/ carpet roses
- Snowdrops and bluebells
- Hydrangeas (be mindful of the soil acidity as it can change the colour of the flowers, and not great for pollinators)





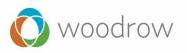
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Example Situation 3 – Bare Area



- Copse of Silver Birch/ White birch in the centre (structure and shelter)
- Alpine beds

- Herbaceous border (lovely in summer but needs maintenance)
- Potential grassy/ meadow area
- Agapanthus shrubs



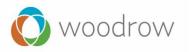
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Example Situation 4 – Grassy Area



- Part of the grassy area managed as a meadow (reduced mowing and cuttings removed)
- What to plant depends on how well drained the soils is, light availability and soil pH
- Perennial border suggestions (verbena, lupins, rosemary, echinacea, sage, salvia)
- Bulbs (snowdrop, bluebell, crocus, alliums, grape hyacinth)





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Example situation 5– Overgrown corner



- Extend and plant up the hedge with native plants
- Potentially add spring bulbs e.g. snowdrop and bluebells (native stock only please)



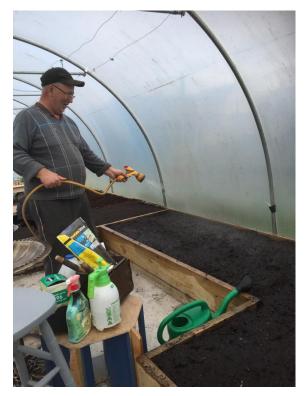
- Foxglove is also shade tolerant and gives lovely purple colours in summer.
- If trimming hedge, do so outside of the bird nesting season (March – August)





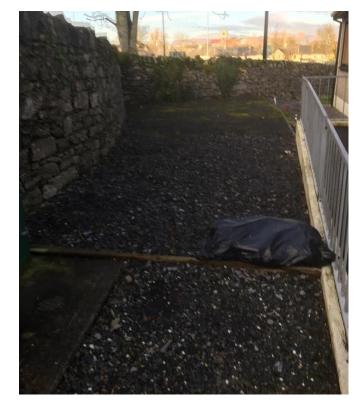
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Example situation 6 – Various locations



 Heat-loving herbs would be lovely here (e.g. basil, oregano, thyme, sage, lemonbalm)





- Shade tolerant planting <u>in</u> <u>containers</u> e.g. mint (will spread if not contained)
- Foxglove
- Spring bulbs (crocus, snowdrop, bluebell)



- Herbs such as lavender, rosemary, chives, borage
- Herbaceous beds with drifts of rudbeckia, asters, comfrey

