

Maintaining the Garden



**Garth End Cottage
Thornton Dale**



A brief history of the garden

Compost

Fruit and vegetables

Lawn

Mulching

Paths

Pests and problems

Topiary

Trees

Watering

Weeds and thugs

Wildlife

Topiary



Box cartwheel grown entirely from cuttings



From cuttings
to 12 inch
high
cartwheel.
10 years





Yew and Irish yew "birds"





Yew – early days



Yew clipped twice a year



Beech spiral – 25 years





Box forms – from 4 bushes



Zigzag - still developing





Still developing. Possibly a pyramidal top eventually



Box and privet – box 2006, 2012, privet 1980s



Box and cotoneaster



Cut backs and replacements



2012



Box bushes bought from Castle Howard nurseries



2002

2001

Hard cutback for tall privet hedge. My side.



Boundary hedge top trimming



Lonicera removed and replaced by privet. 5 years.



Climbing up and clearing away are the hardest parts



Trellis until new planting reaches maturity.



Frost damage, cut backs and new growth

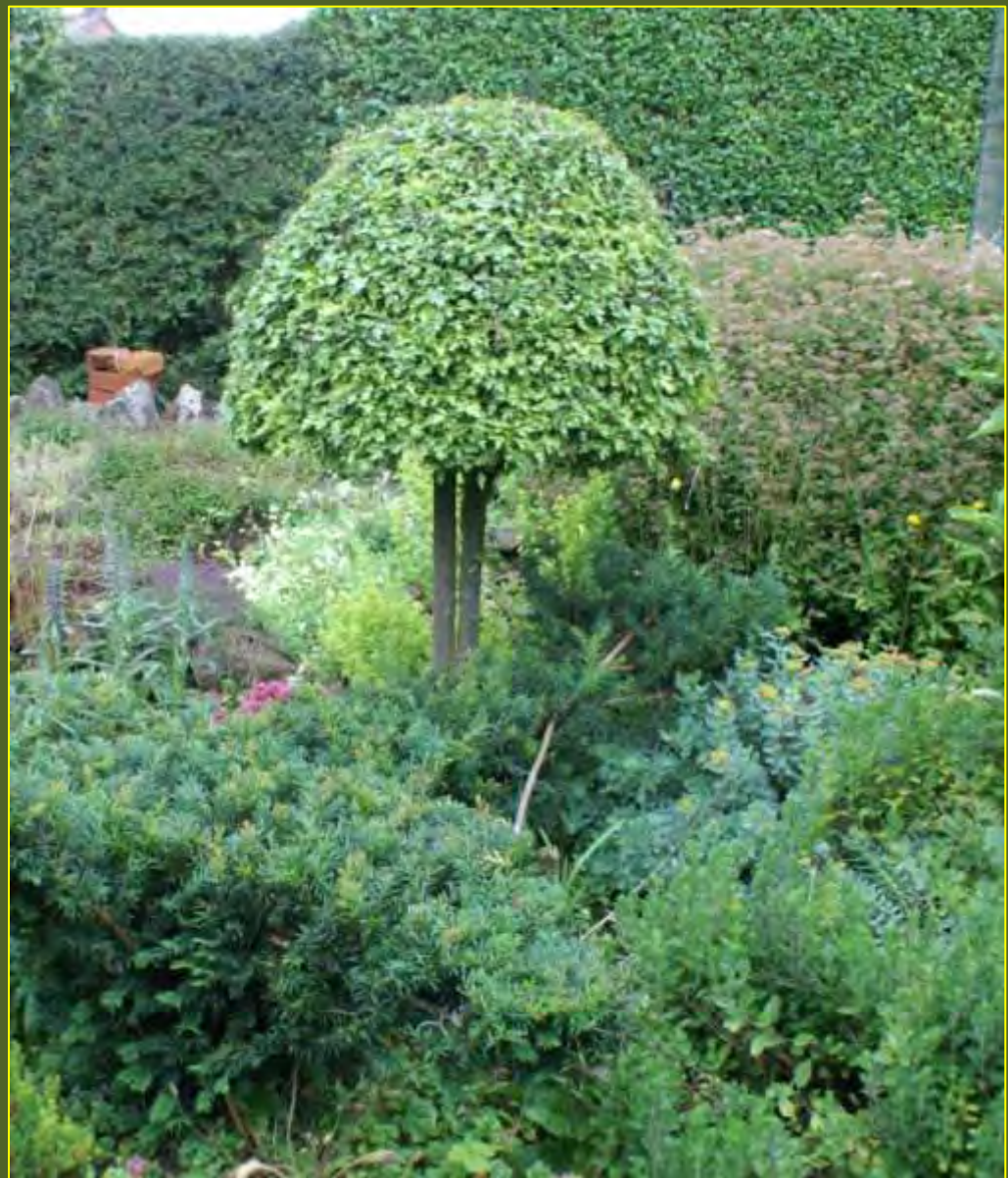


Yew pyramid restricted by leylandi. Regenerating.



Leylandii
need not be
all bad, if kept
well trimmed.





Self seeded hawthorns allowed to grow



Lonicera nitida Baggeson's gold.



Lonicera pileata in the woodland garden. Unruly.



Portuguese Laurel. Clipped
with secateurs



Cotoneaster base pre 2013



April 2013



Neighbour's fence. My pyracantha being trained.



Unclipped golden yew and box in the “woodland”



Hedge cutting tools. Battery and hand.



Heavy snow falls can damage tightly clipped shapes