

# 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**



Trees



Tibetan cherry. Planted in 1996



Leylandii coming down. Too much shade cast.



Leylandi felled, logs for stove, brashings shredded



Replacement planting. Himalayan Birch, native beech



Silver birch. Beautiful in autumn. Too much shade.



Stump out. Weeds “cleared”. Bed replanted.



Lime pollarded professionally.



Kilmarnock willow. Felled but replaced.



Elder and ash  
growing just  
over our  
boundary.

Parent to  
hundreds of  
saplings.

Suffering die-  
back.