

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

Weeds
and
thugs



Bindweed roots



Almost gone a few years ago. Back with a vengeance



Clusters of bulbils
easily break off.



Celandines love the heavy clay. Lawn and woodland



Buttercups and dandelions.



Ground elder.



Violets. One of my favourite flowers, but ...



Ivy. Everywhere in the garden in varying quantities



Ivy. On wall. In window. Up tree trunk.



Variegated ivy planted by pergola for decoration.



Bramble and wild strawberry. Tasty weeds.



Forget-me-not.



Bear's breeches (*Acanthus*). Spreading roots.



Carex pendula (weeping sedge).



Hawkweed and teasel. Dangerous seedheads.



Hemp agrimony – a native.



Extremely attractive to bees and insects.



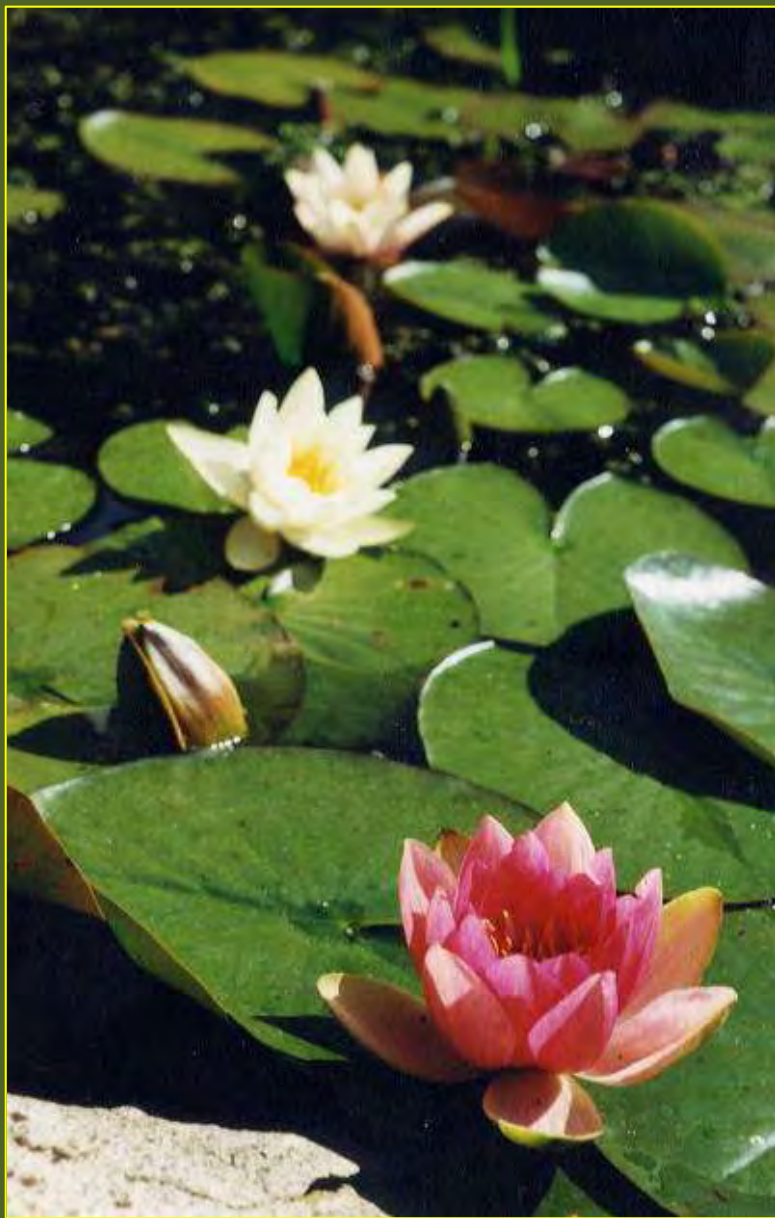
Muscari Blue Spike and nodding grass (*stipa cernua*)



Sisyrinchium and iris.



Lesser (!) periwinkle (*vinca minor*).



Water lily



Duckweed



Lily of the valley. Penetrating roots.



Epimedium. Crowding out the neighbours.