

Plants for Play Spaces



Calendula or Pot Marigold
Annual H 30-60cm
Self-seeds freely
Sun or partial shade
Dead head to prolong flowering
Used for medicinal and culinary purposes



Echinops or Globe Thistle
Perennial H 1m
Bees love it
Likes full sun
Tall so good at back of border
Heads great for drying
Easy to divide clumps in spring to make new plants



Verbena Bonariensis
Half hardy Perennial
H 1-1.5m
Flowers in late-summer
It's a superb butterfly plant
Likes full sun



Salvia
Perennial H 60cm
Thrives in full sun
Flowers mid-summer
Attractive to bees and butterflies



Common Teasel
Biennial H 3m
Sun or partial shade
Plant remains intact throughout winter, seed heads attract birds – especially goldfinches



Stachys or Lamb's ear
Perennial
H 0.5m
A favourite for growing with kids with its velvety soft, woolly evergreen leaves.
Likes full sun



Buddleia or Butterfly bush
Perennial shrub
H up to 3m
Likes full sun
Flowers late summer
Dead head to prolong flowering. Prune back in

March.

Cut woody stems to a height of 30-60cm
Don't worry that you're being too brutal, buddleia is vigorous and will quickly re-grow.



Aquilegias or Granny's Bonnet/Columbine
Perennial H 80cm
Classic cottage garden plant with bonnet-shaped flowers.
Sun or partial shade
Flowers early summer
Self-seeds easily
Easy to grow, reliable and hardy.



Nepeta or Catmint (variety Six Hills Giant)
Perennial H 0.5-1m
Vigorous growing, flowers early summer.
Grows in any well-drained soil in full sun or partial shade.



Lavender (English variety hardy). Perennial shrub H30cm-90cm. Flowers in late spring or summer. Plant in free draining soil, likes full sun, drought tolerant. Prune annually to keep compact. Flowers attractive to bees and other pollinators.