

# Dry Shade



## *Do's*

- Incorporate organic matter to enrich the soil and help new plants establish
- Water new plants well to ensure they take off successfully once planted
- Look at taking select lower branches off trees to lift the canopy and let some extra light into the area
- Include Autumn/Spring Hardy Cyclamen
- Plant in early Spring or Autumn when the soil has a higher moisture level
- Plant Spring bulbs in the Autumn so they can flourish before the leaves appear on the trees

## *Don'ts*

- Try and be too adventurous under conifers as its a very hostile environment, sometimes the removal of some trees is necessary
- Forget to water, regular watering is key for any newly planted plants
- Plant in dry soil soak it first and water again after planting to help the roots
- Plant in small holes, dig a hole three times the width of the pot and enrich with organic matter before planting
- Think its impossible, picking the right plants and good preparation is key

*"Gardeners spend all day in their beds"*

# What to choose?



## JAPANESE ANEMONES

A superb plant for dry shade available in dark pink, light pink and pure white. Tall and shorter varieties available and they will successfully establish flowering year on year.



## ASTRANTIA

Superb plants with their ability to flower up to three times a year and available in reds, pinks and whites. Commonly known as Masterwort and great for sun or shade. Cut back after flowering for repeat blooms



## HELLEBORE

Beautiful early flowering plants available in a range of colours. Deep rooting so dig over the bottom of the hole before planting. Many different varieties flowering throughout late Winter and Spring



## EUPHORBIA

Great for early flowers in lovely shades of lime green. Many varieties have green, blue or variegated foliage. Great for the front of a border for height and early colour in sun or shade



## DICENTRA

Commonly known as Bleeding hearts and available in a pink or white form with elegant stems of pendulous flowers in Spring. Great for early interest and self supporting for the middle or back



## SKIMMIA

An evergreen shrub with male varieties producing buds in the Autumn beautifully developing into scented flowers in the Spring, female forms bear smaller flowers with displays of berries throughout the Winter



## HEUCHERA

A very attractive foliage plant in a whole host of colours holding their leaves up throughout the year, great for in the ground or also in pots. Flowering in the Summer they give interest year round



## EPIEDIUM

Evergreen foliage and flowers early in the Spring in pink, yellow or white. Forming mounds of heart shaped leaves they compliment other shade loving plants with their unusual foliage

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