

Gardening Group Wed. 3rd. June '09

On a perfect, warm sunny afternoon, Mark Sworn welcomed eighteen of us to Kings Cottage Nursery & Garden. Set in the beautiful Southole valley, near Hartland. Less than ten years ago, Mark & his wife bought the (then) run-down cottage with some overgrown land. They now have over three acres. A lovely terraced garden with fantastic views, a sloping walk down through woodland with a tumbling stream, areas of grass with mowed paths, leaving `islands` of prolific wild flowers & grasses. The nursery area has unobtrusive poly tunnels & a huge space dedicated to the display of plants for sale. A profusion of choice, all of which may be seen growing in the garden. It is very clear from the quality of these plants that a lot of loving care is taken with their production. Very few of us went home empty handed!

Mark Sworn had given us an introductory talk, then encouraged us to `wander at will`, remaining available to answer lots of plant related queries & give good advice.

We were given tea & biscuits after our explorations. With no charge for this or entry, we made donations to the charity of Mark's choice.