

### Suggested planting scheme for the 'ground layer' of the raised beds.

Any of these should be ok with the fruit trees, i.e. all shallow rooting / non invasive. The alliums all grow from bulbs & although planted deeper than the other things, don't spread far, and would lend a bit of height & a splash of colour when they flower. Most of the others are herbs with aromatic, and in some cases coloured or interestingly textured foliage, and all have flowers attractive to pollinators. The highlighted ones are mat forming & could be planted in groups to extend seating space in a few places at the edges of the beds. The marjoram & germander are a bit taller & bushy to give some height variation & they would hide the Allium leaves which look a bit tatty as they die off. There is nothing toxic, so safe to stroke, sniff or even nibble the plants!

Plant	English name	Height x spread	Flower colour	In flower	Sun/shade	Life cycle	Notes
Allium sphaerocephalon	Round headed leek	60-90cm. Plant 10-15cm apart	Small rosy purple 'drumsticks' on tall stems	July -	sun	Bulbous perennial	Bulbs best planted in September
A.hollandicum 'Purple Sensation'	Dutch Garlic	Up to 90cm	Purple 'drumsticks' on tall stems	June	Tolerates some shade	Bulbous p	ditto
A.tuberosum	Chinese or garlic chives	10-50cm x same	White, star shaped in clusters	Aug -Sept	Full sun	Bulbous p	Similar uses to Ramsons
A. fistulosum	Welsh onion	10-50cm x same	white	Mid summer	Full sun/ semi shade	p	Almost evergreen
Origanum vulgare 'Aureum'	Golden marjoram	30cm x upto 1m	Pale pink	Late summer	Sun / semi shade	p	Golden light green, aromatic foliage
Teuchrium chamaedrys /T. lucidrys	Wall Germander/Hedge Germander	30x30cm	Pink/mauve	July- Sept		p.	Evergreen, dark green aromatic, shrubby; often used for the mini

							hedges of knot gardens in Tudor times
Chamaemelum nobile	Roman Chamomile	25x45cm	white	summer	Full sun / part shade	p	Evergreen; 'Treneague' is non-flowering & used for chamomile lawns.
Thymus spp	Creeping thymes	5x30cm	Shades of pink to rose red & mauve	summer	sun	p	Evergreen; golden, & variegated foliage varieties available.
Mentha requienii	Corsican mint	3-10 cm	mauve	July-August	Shade/semi shade	p	Tiny leaved mat forming habit, strong peppermint scent.
Fragaria vesca	Alpine stawberry	30x30 cm	white	summer	Semi shade	p	Neat bushy plants, small quantities of berries over long period
Fragaria x ananassa	Perpetual Strawberry, e.g. 'Aromel', 'Mara de Bois'	10 x 35cm	white	summer	Full sun	P short lived, but spreads by runners.	Produce smaller amounts of fruit over a long period. Could be planted to trail down side of

							bed.
Viola odorata	Sweet Violet	7x15cm	Mauve/purple	Early-late spring & late summer- early autumn	Shade/semishade	p	Scented (edible) flowers, spreads by runners
Stachys byzantina Has softly furry	Lambs Ears	10-50cm x 50-100 cm	Mauve/pink		Full sun	p	Evergreen mat forming
strokable leaves, silky silver grey.	'silky fleece'	5cm	Lilac/ purple		Full sun	p	Miniature form, slowly spreading mat.