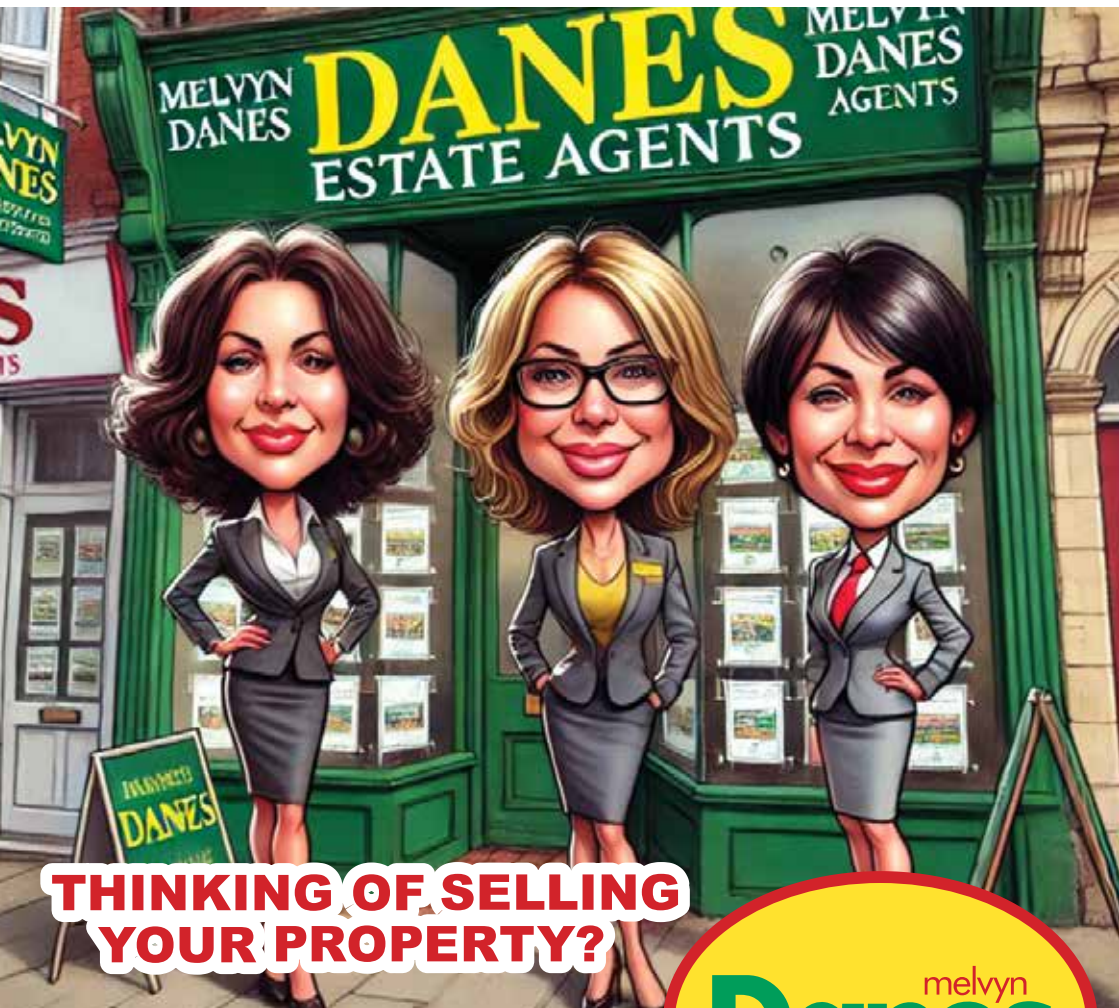


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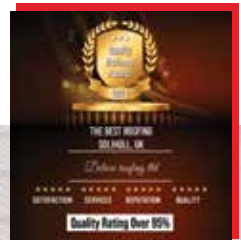
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Naturalistic Garden Planning

My gardening resolution for 2025 is to further embrace naturalistic gardening. Over the past decade I've found that I'm leaning increasingly towards supporting rather than fighting nature in my own garden and I encourage others to do the same. Naturalistic gardening is a great way to foster biodiversity.

Planning - Think of this as a long-term venture, which will grow and develop over years not months. Start by observing the natural environment. Consider the soil type, light conditions, and moisture levels. Is your plot sunny, shaded, or prone to dampness? These factors will guide your plant selection.

Next, think about the style and feel you want. Naturalistic gardens are informal and mimic wild habitats, such as meadows, woodland glades, or coastal dunes. Choose one of these as your inspiration and design your layout accordingly.

A key principle of naturalistic design is to create a tapestry of plants that blend harmoniously. Avoid rigid rows or overly manicured shapes. Instead, plant in drifts or clusters to mimic the way plants grow in the wild. Paths made of natural materials like



gravel, bark, or stepping stones can help guide visitors while maintaining a soft, organic feel.

Planting - Select native and wildlife-friendly plants to support pollinators and other beneficial species. For a sunny spot try wildflowers like ox-eye daisies (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), cowslips (*Primula veris*), and field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*).

For shadier areas, consider ferns such as hart's tongue (*Asplenium scolopendrium*) or woodland flowers like bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*). Grasses, including tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*) and meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), will add movement and texture.

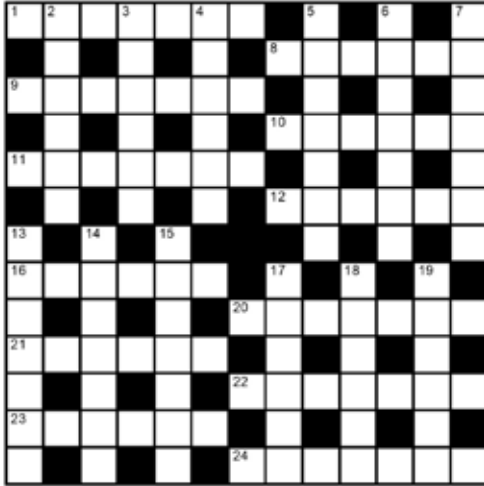
Shrubs and small trees, such as hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) or silver birch (*Betula pendula*) will add

structure and provide shelter for birds and insects. About twenty years ago I planted a wild hedgerow. It was the best gardening decision I ever made. It's full of birds and other wildlife all year round.

When planting, mimic natural patterns by mixing species and varying heights to create layers. Avoid bare soil; densely planted areas help suppress weeds and retain moisture.

Once planted, a naturalistic garden requires less maintenance than traditional gardens. Allow plants to self-seed and spread naturally. Mulch with organic matter to enrich the soil and suppress weeds. Resist the urge to tidy too much - leaving seed heads and fallen leaves to provide food and habitat for wildlife during winter.

crossword



clues

Across

- 1 Herbaceous perennial with edible stalks (7)
- 8 Itsy bitsy, teeny weeny, yellow polka dot _____ (6)
- 9 The Moor of Venice, Shakespeare play (7)
- 10 Type of biscuit (6)
- 11 About-face (7)
- 12 Picked, selected (6)
- 16 Composer of Fantaisie-Impromptu (6)
- 20 Sang A Perfect Day and Walk on the Wild Side (3,4)
- 21 Tropical lizard (6)
- 22 Andalusian town (7)
- 23 Pollen-producing part of a flower (6)
- 24 Aerial, signal receiver (7)

Down

- 2 Enmity, contempt (6)
- 3 Infused, fermented (6)
- 4 Appreciate, enjoy (6)
- 5 _____ West, Dalton and Spall (7)
- 6 Bystander, spectator (7)
- 7 Explanation of how the universe began (7)
- 13 Astronomical event, can be solar or lunar (7)
- 14 Beloved, favoured (7)
- 15 Innovator (7)
- 17 Anne _____, second wife of Henry VIII (6)
- 18 Contusion, blemish caused by injury (6)
- 19 UK's smallest bird of prey (6)

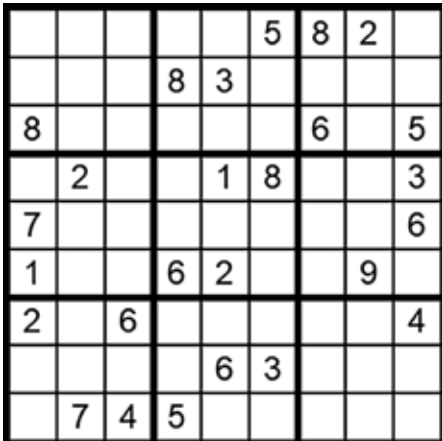
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how to play sudoku

It's simple!

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- Enjoy a stay-at-home games day. Have some board games at the ready or if they're all 'boring' head to your local charity shop who should have a collection of jigsaw puzzles and board games.
- Set up your own treasure hunt, where they have to find the treasure (chocolate bar?!) by finding clues and following the trail.
- Kids love a challenge! Task them with reading a page a day or a book over the week, depending on their ability. Or try a drawing competition – there's some great videos on YouTube.
- Don't forget about simple card games like Uno, snap, Go Fish, and Rummy – the rules are simple and it brings out everyone's competitive side! Or paper games like hangman, creating your own word searches and mazes, and noughts and crosses. With any leftover paper just Google origami ideas and see if you can create origami animals or hats.
- For those feeling more creative you could get your kids to build a fort – all you need are chairs,



towels, sheets, maybe a clothes airer – as well as the promise they'll tidy it all up at the end of the day!

Ideas on where to go if it's raining

It's always handy to have some ideas at the ready for those rainy days this half term in Solihull when no-one quite knows what to do with themselves.

- If you fancy mini golf or bowling you could try Spinners in Touchwood.
- Wrap up warm and head to Planet Ice in Solihull – just turn up for a skate or maybe book some lessons and stop your kids from looking like Bambi on ice!
- For those feeling active head to Flash Climbing

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- Cineworld in Touchwood is another good option – it always feels such a treat to watch the latest movie on a big screen with a bag of popcorn.
- Burn off some energy at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre – go swimming, try their roller disco on Friday and Saturday evenings, or book a tennis or badminton court.

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Restaurant Review **Limoncello, Shirley.**

A few friends had been to Limoncello Italian restaurant in Shirley recently, and recommended it, so we decided to go and try it for ourselves.

I love tapas style food, so we opted for a sharing starter with Parma ham, salami, 2 types of cheese, accompanied with some vegetables and bread. It was lovely – a perfect starter – light, delicious, and definitely whetted our appetite for the main course.

I opted for Pollo alla griglia (grilled chicken, but it sounds better in Italian!) with a mushroom and white wine



sauce, and a side of chips. The sauce was delicious, and there

was plenty of it. My partner had lasagne, which was delicious, although possibly a little too rich. However, we've had lasagne in other restaurants before which has been stodgy and dry – and this was the exact opposite.

After all that there was definitely no room for dessert, so we washed it all down with coffee and Amaretto. And of course... a free shot of limoncello, from Limoncello.

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Mushroom Stroganoff

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Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 20 minutes

Serves: 2

Ingredients

2 tsp olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped.
1 tbsp sweet paprika
2 garlic cloves, crushed.
300g mixed mushrooms
150ml vegetable stock
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
3 tbsp sour cream
Small bunch of parsley,
roughly chopped.

Method

Heat the olive oil in a large non-stick frying pan. Add the onions and soften for about 5 mins. Add the paprika and garlic, then cook for 1 minute more. Roughly chop and add the mushrooms, then cook over a high heat, stirring often, for about 5 mins. Pour in the stock and Worcestershire sauce.

Bring to the boil and allow to simmer until the sauce thickens (5-10 minutes). Remove from the heat and stir through the soured cream and most of the parsley. Serve with rice (it goes particularly well with brown or wild rice) stirring through the remaining chopped parsley just before plating the dish.

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Sudoku Solution

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