

# The Heather Society Newsletter Autumn 2018





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## Foreword

Well Autumn is here once again! Many heathers are recovering from a very dry summer and now undoubtedly about to suffer a very cold winter. It's hard for those heathers out there!

My front cover medley includes the striking *Calluna vulgaris* 'Tib', a grouse wandering the heathland and some Autumn foliage.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this issue.

All articles for the Spring Newsletter need to be sent to me by March 1st.

I hope you all have a good Christmas and New Year.

**Samantha Barnes**

## Chairman's Piece

It appears to be a habit that I comment on each occasion regarding the weather. A typical English habit one may say but with the driest Summer for many a year 'down south' (there is argument as to the previous driest Summer record), many heathers have suffered in the drought and failed to survive unless watered. It may well be that some of the rare garden collections have lost unique irreplaceable specimens and varieties lost to cultivation.

The recent planting at RHS Wisley of the National Heather Collection as viewed on the occasion of our recent AGM is a welcome conservation scheme. Coupled with the planting at Perth and the collection of *Daboecia* at Holehird Gardens this goes some way to preserve many of the varieties not commercially in production but still retaining garden, technical or just curiosity merit. The planting at RHS Wisley of *Erica vagans* 'Viridiflora' is one such plant with a unique appearance but seldom seen in cultivation and is a prime example of the need for conservation. It is not always the case that because a plant is not in commercial production that it does not have merit in the garden landscape.

Recent visits by ourselves to Germany, Wales and the Isle of Wight in the pursuit of heathers and heather plantings show the continuing interest with their merit as worthy garden plants.

Whilst their popularity faces competition from other plants they remain valued in the garden environment with universal appeal, it remains the society's undertaking to ensure that continuation of interest.

**David Edge**

### Reminder

Members are reminded that the current subscription rate is £10 per member, per annum both for the UK and the Rest of the World. If you haven't already done so then please make the appropriate adjustment to Standing Orders and other Methods of Payment. Any excess payment will be considered to be a donation. Subscriptions made via Paypal have already been adjusted.

**Allison Fitz-Earle**  
**Membership Secretary**

## ***Society events & news***

### **2018 Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of The Heather Society was held at 2:00pm on Saturday, 22nd September 2018, in the Hillside Centre, R.H.S. Wisley Garden, Surrey

Two Officers, two Councillors and 9 ordinary and honorary members were in attendance.

Apologies were received from one Officer, one Councillor and eleven ordinary and honorary members.

The Chairman, David Edge, welcomed the members to the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Heather Society. The text of the Chairman's opening statement is available in the members' area of the website or on request as a hard copy from the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, held at The Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton, Somerset, were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

The Hon. Secretary presented the draft 2017 Annual Report and Accounts and commented that they had now been examined by the Independent Financial Examiner who had reported that no amendments were required. There were no questions, on the accounts, from the floor of the AGM.

Council recommended the appointment of John Griffiths as President and Daphne Everett, Pamela Lee, Alice Knight, Kurt Kramer and *ex officio* President of NAHS, Ella May Wulff as Vice-Presidents.

Officer nominations were David Edge as Chairman, Allison Fitz-Earle as Hon. Treasurer and Phil Joyner as Hon. Secretary and with no other nominations all three were duly elected to their respective positions.

Under rule 6(b) 2017 Susie Kay had completed her three-year term on Council but had accepted the nomination to serve for a further three-year term. The Councillors for 2018/2019 are: Dave Brown, Richard Canovan, Susie Kay and Barry Sellers.

Jason Foxwell had indicated his willingness to examine the 2018 Annual Report and Accounts during 2019

and was re-appointed as Independent Financial Examiner.

The Chairman opened the discussion on the future of the Society with a summary of what had been achieved after a request from the floor of the 2017 AGM that the monies in the Society investments be put to good use. To that end several investments had now been liquidated and the monies placed in the Society's current account. Several organisations have been contacted with a view to making donations for heather related projects. The Chairman went on to say that to retain the legacy of The Heather Society, once it is de-registered, a new society will be created taking the form of an Unincorporated Association. To ease the administration of the new organisation then it will be primarily website based. However, to avoid the complications in creating a new website the new organisation needs to be able to use the current website. To achieve this then a name for the new organisation has to be similar to the current name. The floor of the AGM was invited to comment on several names that had already been put forward and suggest others, the comments were recorded and will be considered by Council. Discussion followed on the funding of the new organisation either from formal membership, as is current, or by donation from visitors to the website. Formal membership would necessitate maintenance of a list of members. There is plenty of interest in heather cultivation as indicated by the 800-900 hits per week on the website and approximately 150 likes of the images displayed on the Facebook page every month. The floor of the AGM was informed by Council that once the name, method of funding and as yet undefined issues are decided upon then the intention is to formulate a set of rules for the new organisation and then open a bank account.

It is the intention of Council to arrange The Heather Society 2019 AGM to take place within a weekend during September at R.H.S. Harlow Carr near Harrogate and arrange an interesting programme in association with the AGM. As has been with the current AGM delegates will be asked to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. More details will be announced in due course on the website and within the next Newsletter.

The 2018 AGM Minutes are available in the members' area of the website or on request as a hard copy from the Hon. Secretary.

**Phil Joyner**  
**Hon. Secretary**

### **THS ANNUAL GATHERING**

The Annual Gathering of 2018 was the first of a new style of annual meetings arranged around the requirement for an Annual General Meeting (AGM). Several members had arranged accommodation at local hotels in Ripley and Guildford. Saturday 22nd September was a visit to RHS Wisley Garden, whilst Sunday was planned to visit Champs Hill, Pulborough Sussex and the Savill Garden, Windsor.

We had arranged to meet by 10.30 outside the entrance to RHS Wisley Garden. Mark Tyson, who now looks after the Heather Garden, was there to greet us to visit the new National Heather Collection. We were joined by three members of the public and walked and chatted on our way to the garden.

The Saturday was a joint day with the RHS and represented an opportunity for members of the public to get involved in THS activities. This allows for the prospect of new members. The event was titled the Heather Show. We were joined by a few more members of the public at the site of the new National Collection. Mark described how the new collection came about and the design rationale for the new garden. He also described the huge task of planting the heathers. A huge thank you must go to John Hall for all his and his daughter Molly's hard work in taking the cuttings and propagating these to grow on into plants. Altogether some 25,000 plants were planted.

At 12 noon Barry Sellers gave the first of two demonstrations of propagating *Ericas* from seed. The first was a slight departure from the THS programme as the RHS had requested an additional demonstration in the morning session.

Barry explained that seeds of *Ericas* are unique to each species although there was still much more research to do on this subject. He had brought along two species, *Erica terminalis* 'Thelma Woolner' and *Erica arborea* 'Albert's Gold'. The seeds of both species are very fine compared to *Erica carnea* and *Erica erigena*. He suggested that September/October is the best time for sowing seeds as they will

germinate by December. The trays are less prone to drying out at this time and still warm enough to germinate seeds.

He had prepared a bag of compost for sowing seeds. This comprised Arthur Bowers Ericaceous compost, horticultural washed grit, silver sand, Cornish grit and Perlite (the finer horticultural grade preferred). The compost is compacted in a tray and preferably soaked in rainwater so the surface is moist before sowing. Take the seed and put into a small plastic beaker and add dry silver sand. Mix together and sprinkle evenly over the surface of the compost. This will make it easier to extract seedlings later for potting on. After sowing then sprinkle a fine mixture of the compost extracted using a tea strainer as a sieve.

After this has been carried out the seed tray should then be placed in a much larger tray that has the base covered with a layer of horticultural grit up to 5 mm deep, which is kept moist at all times. Spray the surface of the tray with a proprietary fungicide, such as Mogeton. Then spray water over the surface. Keep the tray in an unheated green house and periodically spray surface to keep moist. Do not allow to dry out.

Afterwards Mark Tyson gave a talk on the new National Heather Collection. The Collection had been re-located to Howards Field in 1988/89, a year after The Great Storm had devastated the Pinetum. The National Collection had been established there for 30 years. During the winter of 2017 the existing beds had been dug out and the area landscaped and contoured. Since the Spring of 2018 some 25,000 heathers had been planted with cultivars of *Calluna*, *Erica* and *Daboecia*. Many new varieties are now included that were not in the previous Collection, including *Erica cinerea* 'Molly Rose' and *Erica erigena* 'Golden Jubilee'. The summer had been a challenging time with the hot weather and the sprinklers had proved a good investment. The RHS had secured sponsorship from a gin manufacturer.





After Mark's talk came the Society's AGM, a precis of the AGM Minutes appears elsewhere within this Newsletter.

The Heather Show continued with Barry Sellers second demonstration of seed propagation, this time using seed of South African *Ericas*. Seed can be obtained from South Africa from Silverhill Seeds and Kirstenbosch in the main. Barry reported on the sad loss of Rod and Rachel Saunders, who had been working in South Africa for many years, collecting a wide variety of seeds during their expeditions across South Africa. Sadly they had both been killed.

Barry explained that the seeds of South African *Ericas* were very varied on size and shape. In their natural habitat seed germination is stimulated by fire. Following experiments in recent years Kirstenbosch has sought to reproduce the effects of fire with its 'smoke solution'. The ingredients are encapsulated in a filter paper, which when soaked in water releases the smoke ingredients. The seeds are left to soak in this solution for 24 to 48 hours before the solution is poured on to a coffee filter paper to separate the seeds from the solution and allowed to dry. The seeds are then poured into a plastic beaker and mixed with silver sand and are ready for sowing in the same compost as prepared above. The seed trays are prepared in the same way as above.

Throughout the day David Edge had been selling a number of winter and summer flowering heathers that he had brought up from his nursery in Dorset. These were proving very popular with members.

David Edge brought along a number of close up photos of heathers.

We ended the day with a few cakes, biscuits and tea before departing.

On Sunday 23 September we planned to visit Champs Hill for its heather garden. Prior to event we had been warned about the Velo-South cycle ride a 100 mile cycle route circumnavigating Sussex and Surrey. In fact it had been called off a few days beforehand due to the severe weather forecast of heavy rain. So the intrepid THS heather enthusiasts set out from their homes and hotels to converge on Champs Hill on what was a very wet journey, so much so that a number of roads were quite flooded. Yet magically when we arrived at 10.30 am at Champs Hill the rain ceased. Mary Bowerman greeted us on our arrival with tea, coffee and biscuits which were much appreciated. She mentioned that it had been a long time since THS had visited Champs Hill (2009

Conference). We agreed and said we would have a Home Counties visit in July 2020. Mary produced a copy of a magazine 'Landscape' August 2018 showing the garden at its very best in the summer. After our refreshments we all took a stroll around the garden and the grounds beyond where natural heather grows. Champs Hill is a unique habitat in Southern England with outcrops of sandstone and mudstone. The elevated position of the garden affords splendid views out across the South Downs National Park to the south. The garden was looking good despite the hot dry summer. I found the mixing of fuchsias and heathers a pleasing combination in terms of form, colour, and contrast.

Around 12.15 we all set off in 4 cars and made our way to Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park arriving around 1.30 to partake in lunch.

On arrival we were greeted by sunny weather after having passed through further rain belts en route. After lunch we all enjoyed a stroll around the garden, which had changed since our last visit. The Savill Garden is 35 acres of interconnected gardens including the Hidden Gardens, Spring Wood, the Summer Gardens, the New Zealand Garden, Summer Wood, The Glades, Autumn Wood and the Winter Beds.

As such it provides interest in all the seasons of the year. Sadly there did not appear to be any heather beds; or were these in the hidden gardens! However, to our surprise after entering the Queen Elizabeth Temperate House (opened in 1995) we noticed several South African *Ericas*. *Erica cerinthoides*, *E. discolor*, *E. formosa*, *E. mammosa* and *E. versicolor* were noted. These all looked to be growing well, with *E. discolor* bearing a few tubular flowers.

After a stop for afternoon tea, four of us decided to pay a visit to the Heather Garden in the Valley Garden a 20 minute walk to the west adjacent to the Polo ground in Windsor Park. There were good plantings of heathers, some quite old together with recent plantings, although few of the newer cultivars represented.

We then walked back to the Savill Garden where we said our goodbyes until the next THS event.



**Barry Sellers**

## **Group News**

*All members are welcome to attend any of the local group events*

### **Home Counties/South West Group**

A joint Home Counties & South West Group meeting has been arranged for a visit to the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Jermyns Lane, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 0QA. Please arrive by 11 am on 17 February 2019. We will meet at the entrance by the car park.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hilliergardens/explorethegardens>

Entry to the gardens is £9 per person for a group entry rate. Those members who intend to come please email Barry Sellers (sellersbarry@aol.com) so that a group booking can be made and paid. (If we had 12 people we could hire a room there for £100 and entry to the garden for the group would be free). The room holds only 12 people though. We will visit the collection of winter flowering heathers in the gardens as well as explore the gardens. There is a restaurant at the gardens so lunch can be purchased.

**Barry Sellers**

### **North East Group**

It was a cold but fine day for the Ponteland Flower Show on Saturday 8th September 2018.

Unfortunately, neither Geoff nor I were able to attend due to our mobility problems but heard that it had been well attended and that there had been a good display in all classes.

Even though we have had a mixed summer weatherwise, our heathers have been very colourful, with the help Geoff has in the garden.

**Dorothy M. Warner**

### **Yorkshire group**

On 17th July several of our members came to Dunnington for afternoon tea and it gave them an opportunity to see our garden and talk about heathers and the effect the drought has had on them. We have lost several plants due to the hot, dry summer and dry autumn.

Sadly we had to cancel the Yorkshire Group meeting at RHS Harlow Carr on 12th September due to illness among the members. I think we must all be cracking up. Out of the eight regulars at meetings, three were ill so their partners could not come, which left a couple on their own and they could have had the meeting over their kitchen sink!

I hope to be able to organise two or three meetings in 2019 but I cannot get confirmation of dates until November. This is because, being such a small group now, we apply for a free room and paying guests always get priority.

**Jean preston**

### **Important**

For those members who are on-line and who haven't provided an email address or have recently updated their e-mail address then please provide the Society with a valid e-mail address so that access to the members only area of the website can be made possible allowing future newsletters and other paperwork to be made available electronically.

See the website or page 12 for contact details.

### **Heather for a family floral tribute**

My mother, Heather, passed away, aged 90, in late August. We decided that we would only have family flowers at a service celebrating her life held in her adopted parish of 'All Saints', Fawley, Hampshire. Several gardens provided an abundant bouquet – roses including 'Munstead Wood' and 'Othello' (both very dark red), 'Lady Emma Hamilton' (apricot) and 'Cécile Brunner' (pale creamy pink), yellow and black *Rudbeckia fulgida* and *Aster x frikartii* 'Mönch' with some sprays of *Lysimachia clethroides* provided the bulk of the flowers.

Of course, given her name, heather had to be included. Fortunately, I could pick *Erica manipuliflora* 'Bert Jones' which has long impressed me as an excellent potential cut-flower. Our plant was in full bloom by mid-September – and is still in excellent bloom as I write – so it easily provided dozens of 12-inch-long stems for the bouquet. Favours of heathers, including bell heather from Hampshire, ling from Northern Ireland, and St Dabeoc's heath from her own garden, were placed on the casket by family members, too.

photo by Dr Brian Nelson



***E. Charles Nelson***

### **Mycorrhizal Fungi for Heathers**

I can report that we found no difference between treated and non treated heathers. Maybe our planting conditions were spot on? Would be interested to hear if any one else has tried it.

***David Plumridge***

### **New Members**

We welcome our newest members Rita and Graham Essex with their heather garden at Husthwaite, North Yorkshire.



***Samantha Barnes***

### **Cuttings Exchange Scheme**

This scheme is a unique facility for those members who are interested in propagating their heathers from cuttings. It is a golden opportunity to obtain cultivars which are only very rarely found in garden centres and nurseries these days, and, at the same time, helps to preserve some of these lovely plants for posterity.

For more details - you can phone me on 01885 482206, email me at [dandmeverett@gmail.com](mailto:dandmeverett@gmail.com) or fill in the form in the 'members' section of the website.

We regret that the Cuttings Exchange Scheme applies to UK members only.

***Daphne Everett***



## The Heather Gardens at Riverside Park

The 2016 Heather Society Conference was held in Scotland, in the city of Perth, and one of the gardens visited was in Riverside Park where Society members viewed the hard work put in by volunteers to create a heather garden, the phoenix rising from the ashes of the Cherrybank Gardens. The Society has been given permission to reprint two recent articles which trumpet the success achieved by the volunteers.



**Phil Joyner**

## Major Successes at Britain in Bloom 2018



We are over the moon! We brought home a clutch of major awards from the 2018 Britain in Bloom Awards ceremony, which was held in Belfast on Friday night (19 Oct). Perth won

- A Gold Medal
- The trophy for the Best Large Town\* in the UK (beating off stiff competition from 8 other locations\*\*)
- The Parks and Green Spaces Award for Riverside Park
- An individual 'Community Champion' Award for one of our volunteers, Tom Lowdon. And our amazing evening was topped off with the announcement that we are one of only 5 groups in the UK to be nominated for the much-coveted 'Champion of Champions' Award in 2019.

Our Chairman John Summers said: *"We are absolutely overwhelmed by these fantastic successes. These Awards represent thoroughly well-deserved recognition for all the work done by our amazing volunteers and I couldn't be more proud of them!"* (Some of our volunteers are pictured above, toasting our success).

John went on to thank our many other supporters: *" We share our success with many other partners, including Perth & Kinross Council's Community Greenspace, Waste Services and Community Justice teams, staff at the Westbank nursery and the local residents, businesses and community groups who help us as supporters, suppliers, sponsors and partners in action. Our grateful thanks to them all."*

*"We are very honoured indeed to have been nominated for the Champion of Champions Award next year. This is the highest honour awarded by Britain in Bloom, but it also has the very highest judging standards. That means a lot of work for us, but we know we are up for the challenge."*

*"I am delighted that Tom Lowdon (pictured below) has received a 'Community Champion' Award. Anyone who visits Riverside Park is likely to have seen him hard at work amongst the heather beds, the Compassionate Friends Garden, the sustainable planting beds in Rodney Garden or the raised beds on Dundee Road. He works tirelessly for our cause and it is only right that he should receive this national recognition. He is a true champion of the Fair City community."*





## Compassionate Friends Garden

For the past two years Beautiful Perth volunteers, with support from Perth & Kinross Council, have been working in partnership with Compassionate Friends, a charitable organisation of bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents, to create a contemplative garden within Riverside Park. Last year we planted a rowan tree together and the Compassionate Friends group installed a small marker stone at its foot.



This year, the group again held its annual gathering in Perth and 40 of its members joined us in the garden for the unveiling of a new bench and a beautiful carved commemorative stone at the entrance to the garden. The stone was generously donated by one of our most valued sponsors, Kilmac Ltd, and was unveiled by its Director Athole McDonald along with Hugh McAninch of Compassionate Friends. Hugh also cut a ribbon to inaugurate the new bench, and members of the group tied ribbons on the rowan tree in memory of their children. Our volunteers will continue to maintain the garden and we hope members of the Compassionate Friends group will visit in years to come to enjoy quiet contemplation, either as part of a group visit or as individuals.

Pictured above: Tying ribbons on the Rowan tree; The commemorative stone; Unveiling the stone by Athole McDonald (left) and Hugh McAninch.

## World News

### Philomath Frolickings 2018

In *Philomath Frolickings 2017*, I wrote about the disappearing paths in my heather garden, the result of my not getting around to the tedious, hands and knees, ground-level finish pruning still needed after the electric hedge trimmer made short work of the bulk of the pruning. This is a mere peccadillo compared with what has resulted from more than a few years of neglecting weeding in the area around the electrical box.

Figuring out how to landscape around this unattractive but necessary permanent fixture was a challenge. The box had to be visible from the road, and there needed to be a space to one side of it where workers could set the cover if they needed to work inside the box.

The biggest problem was that the box had been installed before I informed the building contractor that I wanted a berm along the roadside ditch, to hide the gravel road somewhat and to catch the dust raised by cars during our dry summers. Because the box was just a foot or so above ditch level, this meant that there needed to be a break in the berm for access by power company workers. Once the berm was created and the opening made for box access, the box was effectively at the end of a miniature blind canyon. The wall behind the box was nearly vertical, the sides somewhat less so.

I planted *Calluna vulgaris* 'Caleb Threlkeld' on the vertical wall, with *Erica erigena* 'Brian Proudley' above the top of that slope, an attempt to hide the box from the rest of the garden above it. I laid paving stones to form a path from the ditch to the box and planted *C. vulgaris* 'The Pygmy' (said to tolerate a little stepping on) in an irregular line along the pavers, with creeping thyme between the stones.

The opening for the box was much closer to one end of the berm than to the other, with the uphill wall higher than the downhill one. I never did finish planting that uphill slope; but until a few years ago, when my regular watering of the area was interrupted, it was home to *C. vulgaris* 'Bronze Beauty', *C. vulgaris* 'Colette', and *E. cinerea* 'Kerry Cherry', all now regrettably deceased. A more successful planting involved *C. vulgaris* 'Alys Sutcliffe' and 'Jimmy Dyce',

both thriving, although I have to keep defending Jimmy from Alys, who threatens to overrun him.

Into the less steep slope, I set stone steps so that I could go from the ditch up to the aforementioned (and now nearly disappeared) working path along the top of the berm. On the slope to one side of the steps, I planted *Daboecia cantabrica* 'Celtic Star' and *E. tetralix* 'Curled Roundstone'. On the other side are *C. vulgaris* 'Dart's Flamboyant' and *E. carnea* 'Ann Sparkes', and further up the berm to either side of the path are *C. vulgaris* cultivars 'Alba Elata', 'Barnett Anley', 'Blueness', and 'Ruby Slinger'.

Between the berm and the rest of the heather garden, I made a dry streambed, beginning near the electrical box and running all the way (downhill) to the end of the berm. Its low "bank" opposite the berm hosts *C. vulgaris* 'Clare Carpet' and *D. cantabrica* 'Arielle', which are jostling each other for pre-eminence.

So you see, there were/are many cultivars of various heather species in the area around the electrical box. After I planted them, I covered all bare ground with a thick mulch of Douglas fir bark, including the requisite space left for the electrical box cover. However, the bark has not been replenished since planting (more than a dozen years ago), and during the last few years, when I had two surgeries and a severe illness, weeding around the electrical box was at the bottom of my garden chores list.

The result can best be described as a heather jungle. The heathers have seeded madly into the decomposed fir bark, and there is now a glorious multicolored mixture of *Callunas*, *Daboecias*, and even a few plants of *E. cinerea*. The steps up the berm are no longer visible, and the flat paving stones are nearly obscured by thyme. The "bare space" left for the electrical box cover looks the prettiest of all.

Alas, the jungle must go, although I may leave one *E. cinerea* to replace its lost parent. The electrical box has been opened only once since the house was built 24 years ago, but if that were required now, I'd be in big trouble. Besides, I know that although the heather jungle is truly beautiful in its exuberant, unpruned youth, a few more years of growth without pruning will lead to woody, far less attractive plants with fewer flowers. Have you ever tried to yank out a well-established heather seedling? It is surprisingly difficult. I thought that in the moist soil of spring, the



young heathers could be easily pulled, just like other weeds. (Remember, a weed is a flower growing where you don't want it.) Not these two or three-year-old plants. The best way for me to tackle the job will be with clippers. Once a *Calluna* is cut off at its base, it probably won't regrow. The *Daboecias* may be a little more stubborn, but if I tackle this bunch during the heat of summer, they'll probably give up, too. Then it's back to a nice thick layer of bark mulch, much less colorful but also much less likely to get me into trouble with the power company powers-that-be.

**PHOTO ONE:** The path to the electrical box in early June 2008. *Thymus serpyllum* 'Minimalist' between pavers, with lumps of *C. vulgaris* 'The Pygmy' here and there to either side. Note empty space to left of box, designated place to set box cover, if needed.



**PHOTO TWO:** The steps from the electrical box path up to the working path on top of the berm, early June 2008. *Thymus* 'Minimalist' between the steps, *C. vulgaris* 'Dart's Flamboyant' and *Erica carnea* 'Ann Sparkes' to right of steps.



**PHOTO THREE:** The path to the electrical box, late July 2018. There is barely space to set a foot, let alone the box cover.



**PHOTO FOUR:** Late July, 2018. Steps, what steps?



**PHOTO FIVE:** The heather jungle. *C. vulgaris* 'Caleb Threlkeld' in bloom behind the box and on slope, upper right.



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