

Plants for shelter

Chestnut Nursery

Having had some ferocious storms scouring our gardens over the last few weeks, it's worth considering which plants provide the best shelter and can withstand such extreme conditions. Particularly if you live in an exposed location, utilizing plants to combat the power of the wind is essential.



Plants also intercept rainfall and help draw water into the earth, significantly reducing surface flooding.

At the Nursery, we grow and recommend a range of tough coastal shrubs, perfect for growing in gardens along the south coast, they can be planted as a shelter belt or incorporated throughout borders to provide structure and shelter. All of our hardy shelter plants are evergreen and possess attractive foliage, but the Daisy-Bushes from the *Olearia* genus, also give a dazzling flowering display with masses of daisy clusters during summer.

Specializing in plants for windy exposed gardens is our forte, and along with an array of shrubs we can recommend many grasses, perennials and succulents, perfectly adapted to harsh conditions. These adaptations provide striking features such as thick leathery leaves or white felted undersides, and its these alluring colours and shapes that make coastal plants so attractive and contrasting.

We all need support when the going gets tough, and some plants are no different. For varieties that are less capable of withstanding brisk conditions, such as tall herbaceous cottage garden perennials, we have a selection of garden supports in many shapes and styles, both contemporary and classic.

Next time your garden looks like it might take off, pay us a visit and see our storm beating plants that bring pizzazz and style in even the harshest conditions.

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