

# A Passion for Plants

Chestnut Nursery



After much hard work and patience, we are delighted to announce that we re-open on the 8th of April. The whole site here next to Poole Park has had a sprucing up, with new plant growing areas, a potting shed, water tank and the snazzy new shop. The re-development of the site is crucial in ensuring the charity is here for generations to come. We are still raising funds for the new poly tunnels so please bear with us as we pull everything together.

With the worst of the windy storms hopefully out of the way, it's now a great time to establish plants in your garden before the onset of dry weather. We have over wintered some great shrubs for you such as *Hoheria sexstylosa* (pictured). A beautiful small evergreen tree from New Zealand, it has a graceful weeping habit and masses of scented, white cherry-like flowers that appear from mid to late summer. Hardy to -10 it enjoys full sun in free draining soil and will grow to 5 meters if un-clipped but can be shaped and hedged to any size.

*Myrsine africana* or African boxwood is a rugged evergreen that is great for hot, sunny locations. The new growth emerges tinged with red, then turns to a deep glossy green as it matures. Plants are male or female, with the female producing white flowers and purple berries and the male boasting red anthers. Resistant to blight this long-lived plant lends well to pruning and shaping making it a great alternative to the common box.

We look forward to sharing with you, our continued passion for plants in our new shop.

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Nursery Manager

*Chestnut Nursery is a registered charity providing meaningful work for adults with enduring mental illness through the therapy of horticulture. Visit our new garden centre at our nursery site next to Poole park; 75 Kingland Road, BH15 1TN.*