

# Taunton & Somerset Bonsai Club at Exmouth Show

12 June 2022

The Pavilion, Exmouth Esplanade, Devon

We had a most successful show at Exmouth on 12 June (Bonsai by the Sea, as it is now called). There were 10 clubs exhibiting Cornwall, South Devon, North Devon, Exeter, Taunton & Somerset, Dragon, Cardiff, Celtic Knot, British Suiseki Society and Middlesex. Also a selection of trade stands.

The morning was busy with a good flow of visitors, not so many after lunch, when I think the beach became popular. Chris Thomas did a review of each display. He said ours was a good balanced display with an effective mix of size, shape, species and colour; he particularly liked the small cotoneaster for shape and form especially when viewed at eye level. Showed what could be done with small material. He also liked the red Desojo maple in that we had an excellent balance of stand colour through pot, soil and tree colour. He also commented on the number and colour of the cones on the larch.

These comments were reflected in the comments made by the general public. At one time or another each of the trees was deemed to be "my favourite" by at least one visitor. I particularly liked one comment by two ladies who said that although they were obviously bonsai, the trees still felt like proper trees.

--- Brain and Sara ---





