



Driftwood Open Garden

Geoff Stonebanks

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Best Front Garden.

Hi, I'm Geoff Stonebanks and I have established a great coastal garden, both back and front, in Bishopstone, near Seaford in East Sussex. The house faces the sea and the attached plan gives you a good idea of the dimensions and layout. The garden opens for the National Gardens Scheme 4 times this year and has had over 4000 visitors and raised over £10,000 for charity in 3 years!

I am a total amateur, having started gardening proper, after I retired and moved to Seaford in 2004. The front garden is quite remarkable, I am told, taking account of the prevailing salt laden winds and is an oasis in the landscape of conventional coastal gardens in the area. It is quite a shock to the system to see the boat and lobster pots where ordinary house have sprawling lawns. There is a very personal touch in the front garden as well, my father and his father were fish merchants on Wyre Dock in Fleetwood and I have fish crates stamped with my grandfathers' name on display in the garden.

The space takes the full force of the winds from the SW, straight off the sea, so has had to be carefully set out to create pockets where plants can survive from the wind.

Yours sincerely



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