



SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month critique June 2026

Member name	Tree species and style	Subject		Technique					Total Score Out of 100	Member votes	Comments
		Overall presentation 30	Pot 10	Roots 10	Trunk 15	Branches & foliage 20	Health & vigour 10	Surface 5			
Advanced											
Hilly	Juniper	15	1	5	13	16	10	2	62	1	What a beautiful little tree! Put it in a nice pot and it could go on a show table.
Nigel	Horse Chestnut	21	6	7	12	14	10	4	74	1	Nice tree with difficult material. Overpotted!
Richard M	Hemlock	22	7	7	12	13	10	4	75	1	A very elegant tree. A little top heavy.
Bob	Juniper	22	8	6	12	14	10	4	76	1	Nice deadwood. Try to extend 1 st branch a little and expose roots.
Mike C	Lonicera	22	8	7	13	15	10	4	79		A very neat, well-balanced little tree. Try to expose roots a bit more.
Richard P	JW pine	20	7	8	13	12	10	3	73	2	Very good roots and trunk, need to style /define the foliage pads.
Brian	Hemlock	21	7	8	12	13	9	4	74	2	Lighten the top by dividing into pads like the lower branches. Try to fill the empty space to right of the trunk. Looks a bit weak – should have good extension growth by now
Peter	Larch	23	9	9	13	16	9	5	84	4	An excellent tree, well displayed. A few brown needles.
Tony M	Cyprus Cedar	23	8	9	13	15	10	4	82	8	Very nice tree, well presented.
Novice											
Zac	Scots pine	20	7	8	13	12	10	4	74		Very nice old trunk. Styling the branches could turn this into an excellent tree.