



SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month critique July 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											
Bob	Hawthorn	22	7	7	12	14	10	4	76	1	Looking better! Lovely old bark. Expose the rootbase and develop the canopy.
John C	Field maple	23	8	6	11	14	10	4	76	6	Nice tree. Increase the ramification and reduce leaf size. Expose the rootbase.
Richard P	Ash group	21	5	10	12	13	10	4	75	2	Fantastic roots! Develop the canopy more.
Richard M	Chamaecyparis Boulevard	21	7	8	12	13	10	4	75		Nice trunk and nebari. Canopy needs breaking up for best effect.
Peter	Korean Hornbeam	23	9	8	13	15	10	4	82	4	Nice tree. Tilt forward a little bit on next repot and continue to develop the branch structure
Tony M	Lonicera	21	7	8	12	14	10	4	76		Very nice roots but they need to blend in with rest of pot surface. Previous pot shape is clearly visible.
Clive	C Elm	22	6	7	13	15	10	4	75	4	Lovely little elm. Clean the rootbase and expose more roots. Consider removing the downward branch on the right. Weeds!"
Novice											
Zac	C Elm	22	8	5	14	15	10	4	78		Beautiful trunk and nice little tree. Would look better positioned further forward in pot.