SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

Somerset Bonsai Society, Tree of the Month critique October 2025

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											
John C	Chinese Elm	22	6	6	12	16	10	4	74	3	Very nicely displayed with stand and accent. Would be improved with a shallower pot.
Richard M	Rowan	20	7	8	11	14	10	4	74	1	Interesting roots. Pot gives a nice colour contrast but is a bit too big.
Nigel	Chaemycyparis Boulevard	21	9	9	13	15	10	5	82	3	Well presented. Good image for a tree that is not easy. Needs branches/foliage to fill the space at the top and back.
Peter	Korean Hornbeam	22	8	8	12	14	10	5	79	1	Good presentation. Just needs more ramification.
Michael C	Cotoneaster	22	9	9	13	16	10	4	83	7	Lovely tree, well established root over rock. Pink top dressing detracts but otherwise good.
Bob	Chinese Elm	22	7	7	12	16	10	4	80	1	Very nice but over-sized pot
Novice											
Dave	Cotoneaster	20	7	6	12	15	10	3	73		Pot too deep. Good structure but crossing roots look ugly.