Where can you see the best bulb displays in the garden?

Last Autumn we planted nearly 30,000 bulbs in the garden here at Polesden Lacey, adding to the 65,000 that had already gone in over the previous three years. Make sure you make time to wander through the whole garden and see how many of the beautiful, blooming bulbs listed below you can spot…

1. **Dairy Courtyard**
   The new Prairie Border in here will be studded with a variety of interesting bulbs such as *Scilla mischtshenkoana*, three types of *Camassia* and a couple of beautiful Anemones. The milk churns and other agricultural containers here will also be stocked with the likes of *Iris, Muscari* and *Fritillaria meleagris*.

2. **Water Tower beds & Entrance Lawns**
   Stunning giant orange Imperial Fritillaries, white Daffodils, Snowdrops and *Camassia leichtlinii* are studded throughout these entrance beds, mixing nicely with the early season perennials such as Hellebores and Bergenias.
   We also used a Dutch bulb planting machine to plant many thousands of early Daffodils together with Camassias and Alliums along the entrance lawns here.
   This will create a stunning display from February to early June.

3. **Walnut Lawn and surrounding lawns**
   Some mixed *Crocus, Puschkinia libanotica* and a mesmerising show of Snake’s Head Fritillaries on the banks down to the house are the stars here.
4. **New Lime walk**  
Over 15,000 ‘Split Corona Mix’ Daffodils line both sides of this path. One of the highlights of the year here at Polesden Lacey is this amazing display.

5. **House borders and containers**  
As usual, the borders here will be jam packed with amazing tulip displays.  
This year we have selected ‘Purple Dream’, ‘Apricot Pride’ and ‘Shirley Double’ to create a purple, orange and green patchwork show.  
The containers in this area will be filled with more tulips including the fantastic ‘Bleu Aimable’ as well as Snowdrops and Hyacinths.

6. **Lime Walk**  
An early show of Snowdrops meanders down both sides of Lime Walk. We added over 4000 new bulbs here last Autumn to really fill these lawns.

7. **Archive Lawn**  
This bed is filled with the likes of *Iris reticulata* ‘Katharine Hodgkin’, *Muscari azureum*, *Hyacinthus* ‘White Pearl’ and *Narcissus* ‘Hawera’ during Spring.

8. **West Lawn**  
A *cyclamineus* mix of Daffs was planted here in a natural carpet style over the last few years. Please tread carefully when crossing this lawn if you can!

9. **Rose Garden**  
It’s not just roses stealing the show in here. Before they bloom from June until September, the outer beds will be filled with several varieties of Alliums, *Fritillaria imperialis*, some new groups of delicate species Daffodils and masses of Snowdrops and *Crocus* blooms. Look out for some fascinating *Eremurus* (or Foxtail Lilies) in the exotic border on the north side of this area.

10. **Spring Borders**  
The focus of our Spring offer in the garden are these recently recreated Spring Borders. Also filled with trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials, the bulbs in here include some interesting, unusual examples of Spring colour such as *Erythronium* ‘Pagoda’, *Chionodoxa* ‘Pink Giant’, *Scilla bifolia* ‘Rosea’ and *Muscari armeniacum* ‘Lady Blue’ to name but a few.

11. **Winter Garden**  
No Polesden Lacey bulb map would be complete without mentioning the picturesque carpets of Snowdrops and Aconites in this historic garden room!

12. **Rock Garden**  
This hidden away part of the garden was never completed after Mrs Greville had a disagreement with the contractors! We are in the process of improving the display here and the first step has been the addition of bulbs such as *Iris reticulata* ‘Pixie’, *Narcissus* ‘Topolino’ and *Anemone blanda* for example.

13. **South Lawn**  
Apart from great views across to Ranmore Common, the South Lawn is a top place to spot masses of Spring bulbs like Daffodils, *Crocus* & Snowdrops.

14. **Preserve Copse**  
While the woodland areas across the wider estate are also full of Bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) during April, in the garden you can see vast carpets of them here without having to venture too far from the rest of the garden displays. See if you can spot any early Pyramidal Orchids here too.