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Nassella tenuissima and
Osteospermum jucundum at
The Cedars Hotel, Loughborough.

Kelly Baldry's winning entry in the HPS 2016
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