



Bedding Plants

We grow our own basket and patio plants here on site with the help of our students. They work with us to plant and maintain a wide variety of plants.

We use our plants in hanging baskets and pots which will be ready for sale in May. We are happy to give advice on which plant is the best type to grow in certain sites or conditions. Even a shady spot can be colourful.



Seasonal Jobs

Spring is a good time to add a general fertilizer to the borders. Pelleted poultry manure is good for both flowers or vegetables, or you could use a slow release granular product such as Growmore, which would last 2 months. Liquid feed is good to use weekly in flowering tubs and baskets. Tomato food is good for both vegetables and flowering tubs as it is high in potassium.

As soon as the ground temperature starts to rise, it would be a good time to start repairing the lawn. We have 3 varieties of grass seed available, Showpiece, Shady and Hardwearing, sold loose at £6.29kg.



Feeling Hungry?

We have lots of choice when it comes to edible plants. We stock a good selection of herbs starting at £1.45.

We have a range of fruit trees and bushes. Seed potatoes and onion sets are available January onwards, as are garlic, asparagus and rhubarb. Broad beans are one of the first crops you can plant out followed by sprouts and cabbages.

Vegetable growing is now a very popular hobby. You don't need much space. Beans and peas can be trained up canes and lettuce can be planted in patio containers.

Potatoes can be grown in potato sacks or pots on the patio. Many varieties of Tomatoes and Peppers can be grown in containers filled with *vegetable compost*, or *growbags*, in a sunny spot in the garden. The staff will happily advise you on which would be the best varieties for this and how to care for them.



Where to Find Us

We are situated on the Englefield Estate, just 3 miles from the M4 junction 12. Englefield is signposted off the A340 Theale to Pangbourne Road



Open : 9-5pm Monday-Saturday (12-4pm Sundays May & June)

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Spring News

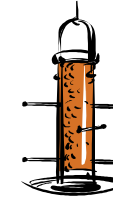
This has been a hard winter. Lots of snow and then rain. Amazingly most plants have coped well and are now showing signs of new life.

Bulbs are starting to show their heads, snowdrops being amongst the first to appear. Spring is a good time to buy many bulbs 'in the green', for example Aconites, Snowdrops and Daffodils. Although you may have missed the fun of watching them this year, you know you will have good healthy plants next spring. If you need to add a splash of instant colour to your garden now, you can still plant Pansies or Primroses.



Seeds

We have our range of Mr Fothergills seeds in stock now and we carry a good range of both flower and vegetable seed and the appropriate compost and growing containers that you will need. We are always pleased to help if you need any advice.



Garden Birds

Many things can be done to encourage wildlife into the garden. Birds can become frequent garden visitors throughout the year. We stock a good selection of the Gardman bird care range, which includes nuts, seeds, feeders, mealworms, bird tables feeding stations and various types of bird boxes.

Home Grown



We pride ourselves on the quality and selection of our plants. They are all grown here on site. Most are grown from plug plants, but we also grow many from seed, this allows us to change varieties, to reflect customer preferences and to try something different.

Our growing year starts in February with our first delivery of plug plants, which includes Senetti, Geraniums and Violas. This is also the time we sow our first seeds. Sweet peas are one of the first plants to be sown, followed by Antirrhinums a few weeks later.

Dianthus and Forget-me-nots are beginning to flower. Shrubs like Forsythia will soon herald the start of spring.

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