



Grasmere  
Garden  
Village



# GRASMERE GARDENS GAZETTE

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POTS & PLANTERS

GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES



GARDENING ADVICE

SEEDS

TREES & SHRUBS

BUSHES



FLOWERS

ORNAMENTS

## GARDENING FOR JUNE...

It is not too late to stake herbaceous perennials, especially tall ones like delphiniums and larger lilies.

Thin any fruit on your fruit trees, especially on apple and plum trees, this way you will harvest bigger fruits later on.

Harvest early peas, and prepare for a late sowing to get an autumn crop.

Trim topiary, especially Buxus.

Dig up Tulip and Hyacinth bulbs when foliage dies off and store dry bulbs in a cool, dark shed ready replant in the autumn.

Sow winter-flowering pansies and ornamental cabbages, for spring colour sow wall flowers and bellis.

Tie in shoots of climbing and rambling roses as horizontally as possible to encourage better flowering.

WATER, WATER, WATER and FEED, FEED, FEED any growing annuals in pots and hanging baskets, any newly planted trees, shrubs, perennials and rock plants until they get established, especially during any long spells of hot weather.

Deadhead regularly so more flowers are formed continuously.



LOCATED IN GRASMERE &  
WE HAVE PLENTY OF

FREE PARKING

## HOW TO TAKE SOFT CUTTINGS FROM SHRUBS



1. Snip soft shoot tips off the parent plant and remove the lower leaves. Make a clean cut across the base of the stem with a sharp knife, just below a node (the joint where a leaf joins the stem). If the remaining leaves are very large, cut them in half to reduce water loss. The cutting should be about 8-10cm long when prepared.



2. Dip the base of the cuttings in rooting powder, and dip them into well-prepared ground about 15cm apart. If rooting in pots dib them around the edge of a 15-18cm pot. Its best to take a few more cuttings than you actually need as not all of them will root.



3. Water them in, then cover each cutting with a mini-cloche made by cutting a plastic soft drinks bottle in half. Use the top half as your cloche, with the cap screwed on to start with, so the humidity builds up underneath. If rooting in pots cover the whole pot with a transparent plastic bag and tuck up underneath the pot. Place the pot on a cool window sill indoors.



4. After 2 or 3 weeks you can remove the cap or plastic bag for a few hours to let in some fresh air as the cuttings start to take root. Another 4 weeks later, and you can ventilate more by removing the bottle or bag for a few hours each day and replacing them at night.

## OUR PLANT OF THE MONTH

### Summer Bedding Plants

We have a selection of Summer Bedding Plants ranging from £1.99-£9.99.

Lobelia, Geranium, Fuchsia, Petunia, Verbena, Bidens, Bacopa and many more!

If you ask one of our staff in the greenhouse, they will be happy to help!



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