



# Grasmere Garden Village



## GRASMERE GARDENS GAZETTE

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### POTS & PLANTERS

GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES



### GARDENING ADVICE

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## GARDENING FOR MARCH

March is here and spring is creeping over the window sill, pure bliss! Time to get your gardening gloves on and get stuck in!

Now is a great time to tidy up your rock garden, alpine scree and sink gardens. Top up any stone chippings around plants and fill any gaps with new rock plants.

Make sure you lay any turf before the end of March, this way you won't have to water endlessly, leaving more time for other gardening jobs.

If your lawn isn't too wet it will benefit from a good raking to remove any thatch or moss, if there are any very wet areas spike with a garden fork and to improve drainage further, brush in a top dressing of sand.

Mulch over the newly dug over borders with garden compost/mushroom compost/manure/bark chipping.

Plant, divide or move fibrous-rooted perennials, ready for them to look pretty later on in the year.

Finish any tree and shrub planting this month. Any planted later on will need much more aftercare watering than those planted before the end of March.

Until next time guys, happy gardening!



LOCATED IN GRASMERE &  
WE HAVE PLENTY OF  
FREE PARKING

### DEALS OF THE MONTH!

3 for 2 on Redbarn Bird Food products

SPRING BULBS: 3 for £10 1L pots

6 for £10 – 9cm pots

# STAR PLANTS FOR MARCH



These plants can be spotted all over the UK; in gardens, parks and by the roadside...keep your eyes peeled!



## AUBRIETIA (PURPLE)

The aubrietia starts its long flowering season in march. It is a tried and tested early flowering rock plant which can trail down walls and containers. This plant can also come in magenta, lilac and variegated leaf.



## CAMELLIA

A spectacular garden essential. Flowers come in Pink, Red and White. When not in flower the foliage is glossy green making a handsome background.

## HOUSEPLANTS

We have built up and expanded upon our range of houseplants and now we have a fabulous range of plants. Flowering, structural, exotic! Ask in the greenhouse for details!



## FERNS!

We have a large variety of ferns in at the moment, they are perfect to brighten up a shady patch and look fabulous in a hanging basket.

## OUR PLANT OF THE MONTH

Primula (primrose)

The delightful primula is just the gift from the gardening gods that just keeps on giving. It will brighten up any dark spot and come back year after year. They benefit from being divided and fed.



## BIRD BOXES

Now is the time to clean out your bird boxes in preparation for this seasons residents! Fleas, mites and parasites that overwinter in nests need to be cleaned out. Wear a dust mask and gloves when cleaning out nest boxes as fungi that can cause respiratory diseases can grow on damp nest material (use a sealed plastic bag to dispose of any material). After removing the nest material, wash out the inside of the box with boiling water and allow the box to completely dry out before putting the lid back on. Add a little clean hay or wood shavings; this may encourage small mammals to use it as a hibernation place or through the coldest of winter nights birds will use them as roosting boxes, once 61 Wrens were found in one box! Putting out your bird box; position your bird box 2-4 metres up a wall or tree, facing slightly down so any hard rain, sleet or snow will bounce off the roof. Ensure there is a clear flight path for the birds to get in and out easily.

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