



Grasmere Garden Village



GRASMERE GARDENS GAZETTE

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POTS & PLANTERS

GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES



GARDENING ADVICE

SEEDS

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GARDENING FOR APRIL

Hello April, with the sound of new born lamb' s echoing through the valley and spring buds galore... it' s just lovely to be in spring!

Give your lawn its first cut of the year when conditions are dry enough. Set the blades fairly high and aim for just a light topping for now rather than anything too severe.

Now is the time to be sowing any grass seeds, from the start of this month onwards!

Cut down plants of dogwood (Cornus) to within a few inches of the ground. The bright new stems produced this summer will provide valuable colour for the winter months.

If the weather is mild sow seeds of hardy annuals directly into the soil where they are to flower.

Mulch beds and borders with a thick layer of garden compost, rotted manure or bark to reduce summer weeding and water loss.

Start to stake early-flowering herbaceous perennials such as peonies that usually flop over.

Cut the flower heads of daffodils and tulips but not the foliage.

Prune forsythias after flowering, cutting one thirds of stems down to ground level.



LOCATED IN GRASMERE &
WE HAVE PLENTY OF
FREE PARKING

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

CLEMATIS MONTANA

Clematis Montana's are very vigorous climbers. They flower early in the gardening season. Hundreds of pink and white smaller flowers flood the stems. Prune them hard after flowering so they will put on lots of new growth ready for next year.



RHODODENDRONS & AZALEAS

Rhodos and Azaleas are mainly grown for their spectacular, sometimes strongly scented flowers. Most flower in April/May. They are hardy plants and need acid PH (ericaceous) soil/compost. Some are dwarf sized but some do grow to be trees... be sure to check the label when you purchase!



SHADY SPOT - SPRING TO SUMMER HANGING BASKETS

Why not try a different look to your hanging baskets this year. Especially if you would like to brighten up some more shady spots around your house etc. Why not try planting up some Hostas, the ones with the smaller leaves always work well. Hostas, thrive in the less sunny spots! Cover the soil in moss to help moisture control.

Ferns are another alternative for full or partial shade, especially when hung under trees or against fences. If planted in a wire basket, line the wall of the basket with Sphagnum Moss, this keeps the soil in the basket and protected. We have a large range of potted ferns in for you to look at for £4.49.

Esther, who works in the Greenhouse has drawn up a few ways you might like to plant them up. If you are stuck or need any advice our team in the greenhouse will be more than happy to help you!

