



the plant plot snippets

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Read our
latest news!

Follow the Yellow brick road...

You don't have to be Dorothy to enjoy our 'back stage' walk through the nursery! We started this idea a couple of years ago so our customers can see where and how we grow our plants. Starting at a point just near the Coffee Shop, the route takes you past the main growing areas and polytunnels. You can see the many plants we grow - the colour is intense at this time of year and well worth a trip up there.

We grow hundreds of thousands of our own bedding plants each year and also make up our own hanging baskets and container displays - you can see these being made on the premises also.

If there is a member of staff around, please ask to be taken off the path and into the areas off the yellow brick road to see more. If there's no one about, please stay within the safety of the yellow markings. We look forward to welcoming you 'behind the scenes' very soon.



First for
summer
bedding!

WHAT'S IN STORE

May Day opening
New bird food range
Hanging baskets
Model allotment
volunteers...
AND LOTS
MORE!

Hurray for May Days

We love May! Not only are there 2 Bank Holiday weekends but it is a great time for you to start getting active in your garden. You'll start to see your spring efforts being rewarded as your garden starts to flourish as a result of the warmer weather and lighter nights. We will be open, business as usual, for both Bank Holiday weekends so we hope to see you then.

Check out our new bird food range

The Plant Plot now has its own range of branded bird food on sale in the shop. Our birdcare products are extremely popular with our customers - from bird tables to bags of food and suet balls, we sell a lot all year round showing we have a nature-loving, caring clientele!

Summer bedding

Look no further for summer bedding plants - we grow over 300,000 plants ourselves on-site and have a fantastic range of varieties and colours all in excellent condition, ready for you to plant in your borders, pots and containers.

Visit the Coffee Shop

We won a Taste of Staffordshire award earlier this year and we're very proud of the kitchen staff for their hospitality and cooking skills that helped to win it for us. We use lots of locally sourced produce and almost everything is home-made on the premises.

The menu is very good for family dining as there is a wide range of snacks and light meals to suit all tastes and ages.

Jackie and the team produce amazing cakes and biscuits too - to eat in or take home. Special occasion cakes are also available if required - speak to Jackie or Diana to order yours.

Alot-Plot Volunteers update

We have started working with a group of volunteers on our model allotment. Following our search for helpers, we now have a small team of willing workers - made up of mixed experience and age (our youngest helper is just toddling!) proving you are never too young or too old to take up a new hobby! In return for their hard work, they will get to take home some of the produce grown.

If you'd like to join us, please speak to Dave or Diana.

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COMMUNITY NEWS...

Make a splash!

Rugeley Library – Adult Learning Week On 20th May, Diana will be working with a group of adult learners showing them how to plant parsley bags. This is a local initiative hosted by the library and free of charge to people wishing to take part.

Try our car valeting service - situated to the right of the car park. It is extremely popular - you'll be delighted with the result!

The 5th Lichfield Brownies are coming to the Plant Plot on 13th May for a gardening visit where they will be planting up nasturtiums - a practical part of the Brownie 'Gardener' badge.



Kings Bromley Show is taking place this year on Saturday 24 July - the Plant Plot is once again sponsoring some of the horticultural categories.



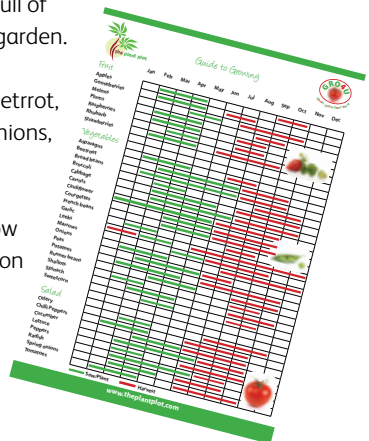
Our initiative to get Britain (or at least Lichfield) growing is called 'GRO4U'.

We stock everything you need to create growing areas at home - in your garden, containers and even in window boxes (a great place to grow herbs). We have masses more plants than ever this year so come in and take a look. Our aim is to inspire you to get digging and producing home-grown crops full of flavour right in your own back garden.

This is the perfect time to start planting a range of crops including: beetroot, broad beans, cauliflower, french beans, carrots, courgettes, marrow, onions, peas, potatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and good old tomatoes.

Visit our website and download our growing chart to show when to sow and when to harvest your favourite foods. There's lots of information on growing your own but the best way is to come in and ask us for help. We can advise on the best crops for your individual garden.

Go on, get planting!



Hang out with the Plant Plot!

Bring us your old hanging basket containers, tell us what colours you like, where you plan to site it and we'll replant it for you!

We take great care to create stunning hanging baskets for you - filling them with slow release fertiliser granules as well as water-retaining crystals, fresh compost and an abundance of lovely plants.



There is no doubt that hanging baskets can transform the most ordinary of areas, bringing garden walls, house frontages and porches to life – adding a focal point and vivid colour. Hanging baskets look impressive when planted in a riot of colours but can also look amazing when planted in just one strong colour. Look around at the displays that are all around at this time of year – pubs, shopping

centres, even garage forecourts and other less likely places use the power of the hanging basket for their seasonal colour and heady scent but most of all for the wow factor and touch of luxury they represent.

Take care of your hanging baskets

- Water once or twice every day - the more the plants grow, the more water they require.
- Water in the morning and/ or evening to avoid leaf scorch and evaporation.
- If the basket does dry out, then take it down and submerge it in a large bucket or bowl of water overnight.
- Dead-head regularly for new flowers
- Trim fast growing plants if necessary
- Use a general purpose feed once a week
- Spray to protect against pests and diseases



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