

JUNE - Jobs to Do

Flower Garden:

- Sow fast growing, late-flowering hardy annuals such as **Calendula, Godetia** and **Clarkia;**
- Sow **biennials**, such as **Wallflowers, Sweet Williams, Canterbury Bells, Hesperis Matronalis (Sweet Rocket)** and **Bellis Perennis**;
- Sow **winter bedding plants** such as **Pansies** and **Ornamental Cabbages**;
- Liquid feed **containerised plants** every fortnight;
- Trim spring-flowering **Clematis**;
- For late-flowering **Clematis**, especially Viticella types, pinch out tips fortnightly if the plant is growing very tall to give more flowers;
- Cut back spring-flowering plants such as **Aubretia**;
- Take softwood cuttings from **Buddleia, Choisya, Forsythia, Broom, Honeysuckle, Jasmine, Ivy, Hydrangea, Lavender, Rosemary, Spiraea** and **Passion Flower** and bring any spares along to the Autumn Show for our plant stall;
- Protect **Dahlias, Marigolds, Hostas, Delphiniums, Salvias and emerging seedlings** from slugs and snails (using Slug Clear or Slug Killer from the Trading Centre)
- Continue checking **Lillies** and **Fritillarias** for **red lily beetle** and their larvae: squash or spray with Provado Ultimate Bug Killer;
- **Vine weevil** larvae (C-shaped creamy maggots amongst the roots) can be a serious pest of containerised plants, and become active this month. There are various chemical and biological controls available, including Provado Vine Weevil Killer.

Vegetable Garden:

- Plant out tender vegetables (**Tomatoes, Squash, Courgettes, Sweet Corn** and **Outdoor Cucumbers**) – Information on growing Tomatoes is provided on our website under the "Fact Sheets" tab in the members' section;
- Sow **Beetroot, Calabrese, Lettuces and Oriental Greens, maincrop Carrots, Florence Fennel, French and Runner Beans, Kohl Rabi, Peas, Radishes, Rocket, Spring Onions, Swede** and **Turnips** directly into the soil;
- Sow **Parsley** in pots in a sheltered spot outside for a supply though the winter;
- Plant out young plants such as **Brussel Sprouts, Sprouting Broccoli, Winter Cabbages, Autumn Cauliflowers, Celery, Leeks** and **Lettuces;**

- Watch out for **potato blight** and spray with a copper-based fungicide, Bordeaux Mixture or Fruit and Vegetable Disease Control – Information on preventing/dealing with Blight is provided on our website under the "Facts Sheets" tab in the members' section;
- Protect Brassicas from **cabbage root fly** by covering with fine mesh and check for caterpillars;
- Protect Carrots from **carrot fly** by putting up a 75cm (2'6") high mesh "fence" (fleece or enviromesh) around the crop;
- Encourage bushy growth on **Aubergines, Chillies** and **Peppers** by pinching out the tip once plants are about 20cm (8") tall. Remove the first flowers to encourage more flowers and fruit;
- Harvest **Rhubarb** for the last time to allow the plant time to replenish itself for next year;
- Be **water-wise**: mulch around your veg with grass cuttings to keep the water in the soil.

Fruit:

- Mulch **Strawberries** with straw or paper to keep the ripening fruit off the ground and away from slugs and cover plants with netting to keep birds at bay.
- Check **Gooseberries** and **Currants** for gooseberry mildew/rust and apply Bordeaux Mixture Fruit and Vegetable Disease Control. Check under the leaves for gooseberry sawfly larvae. Pick them off or spray with an insecticide containing bifenthrin or pyrethrins such as Bug Clear Fruit & Veg;
- Net **soft fruit bushes** to protect them from birds.

Lawn:

- Apply a nitrogen-rich **feed** (such as Vitax Green-up, Maxicrop, Weed, Feed and Mosskill, or Miracle Grow Lawn Feed) if your lawn is looking pale and sparse.