

## GARDEN INFORMATION SHEET – FLOWERS FOR PLEASURE GARDEN.

This garden is bounded by a holly and beech hedge and has been planted with a colourful and exciting demonstration of spring bulbs, followed by attractive hardy perennial and half hardy annual flowers. For the price of a packet of seeds you can have a long period of colour in the garden and in some cases, delightful scent, so they are well worth the little effort needed. Many of the plants in this garden are excellent for attracting beneficial insects into the garden to feed on pests like aphids. The garden also includes a range of everlasting flowers for drying, which can be used for winter decoration.

The garden demonstrates how to grow good quality cut flowers at home without the use of chemicals. Homegrown flowers avoid the use of excessive chemical use, plastic packaging and the importation of cut flowers.



### Maintenance of the Flowers for Pleasure Garden

- February** Start sowing seed of hardy herbaceous perennials for second year flowering  
Garden compost mulches added at the end of the month
- March** Seed sowing and potting of seedlings hardening off  
Dead heading of spring flowering bulbs
- April** Seed sowing of frost tender annuals  
Plant summer flowering bulbs  
Plant supports placed in borders

- May** Planting out  
Take cuttings of any plants
- June** Planting out  
Weeding and dead heading early flowering plants
- July** Dead heading  
Planting out replacements if any have become damaged or diseased
- August** Dead heading  
Planting out replacements if any have become damaged or diseased
- September** Dead heading and weeding  
Plant spring flowering bulbs  
Take cuttings
- October** Lift and divide tender and herbaceous plants  
Cut back dead / dying plants
- November** Order plants, bulbs and seeds for the following year
- December** Plant spring flowering bulbs



## Further Information

### Garden Organic Fact Sheets

GS3 – Green Manures  
 GS4 – Managing Your Soil  
 GG53 – Know Your Soil  
 GG55 – Water in the Organic Garden  
 WC2 – Mulches: Weed prevention and control

### Courses held by Garden Organic at Ryton Gardens

- Managing Your Soil
- Compost Magic
- Seed Saving Workshop
- Energy and Water use in the Garden

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