

Our Monthly Newsletter

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you find the content interesting. All back issues can be located at www.brundallpetandgardencentre.co.uk.

Love the plot you've got!



The Horticultural Trades Association, of whom we are members, are running a campaign called "Love the plot you've got".

This is about highlighting the wonderful resource that many of us have just outside our back doors. This area may not be the highly manicured vista that can be seen in stately homes. In many cases just being a patch of rather tatty grass and a few weeds.

However, this campaign highlights the fact that with just a little imagination, a small budget and a determination to look out onto something attractive, changes can be made.

Our property is a case in point. We have a very small north facing back garden. During the winter we get very little sun, and as such plants are not too happy about growing in the soil. The garden was also used as a children's playground with the now obligatory trampoline, swings etc.

Over the past few years the trampoline has gone and we have had the opportunity to create a seating area. This is shingled, as grass won't grow and the area tended to flood in heavy rain.

This year we have been renovating a tired summerhouse, re-roofing and then painting with Ronseal Garden Paint. This has also been splashed on an old swing and tired looking wooden garden furniture. Adding a few pots over the years to raise plants up off the ground and the area is starting to look a little more attractive.

In fact we now enjoy

sitting in the conservatory looking out over the more colourful vista rather than thinking — this all looks a bit grotty! We have not spent a fortune on this. The summerhouse was decorated for only £40, with a further £10 spent on paint for the furniture.

We plant perennials in the pots so that we have value from them year after year.

The lawn has had a weed and feed treatment for £11.99 and the area under the swing has been reseeded for £3.00.

If you would like some fresh ideas on how to tidy up your garden without spending a fortune then call in and take a look around the garden centre.



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Diary Dates

Fathers Day

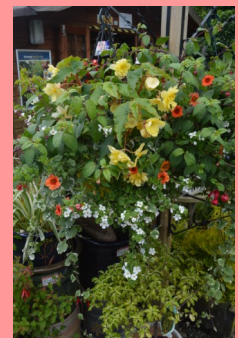
Sunday 21 June 2015
(cards and gifts in store)

Charity Car Wash

28 June 2015
10.30am to 1.30pm

Hanging Baskets

A beautiful hanging basket will add a touch of colour to your property. We have a good range of hanging baskets on display. There is still time for us to plant up your existing basket for some summer colour.



Outdoor Living

As you know we are a little limited for space to display larger items. However, we can order a wide range of garden furniture for your outdoor living area.

Fancy outdoor dining then we can also assist with a range of BBQ's to suit every budget?

Please ask in store or follow the link on our website to view the on-line catalogue.

Charity Car Wash



A clean car from just £5.00. And all for a good cause.

Yes the charity car wash is back to help raise funds for the youth trip to India this summer.

Call into the shop on Saturday 28th June between 10.30am and 1.30pm to get the chance for the team to clean your car. This is a

worthwhile cause and I would encourage you to support this at the same time as having your car cleaned.

A team of volunteers will be on standby.

Hoping for dryer weather! It was a little wet during the April Car Wash!

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Now's the time to stock up on ant repellents. I like this Nippon Spray as it leaves no white residue.

Andrew's top tips. A colourful garden.

Last month I wrote about a new product from Ronseal called Garden Paint. I described how impressed I was with this product. This is an update after I have used the product in our garden at home.

Having now splashed the colour around our garden, painting furniture, swings and a summerhouse, I now have more knowledge of this product. I still think it is fantastic!

You need to follow the instructions on the tin and be prepared to apply three coats of garden paint to get a great result. When painting our summerhouse we needed to cover several treatments of oil based shed protector. The summerhouse was looking particularly tired after 10 years and needed a bit of a lift. I cleaned off any green algae by using a treatment of Patio Magic. Once it had done its work I got painting.

The first coat soaked into the wood and acted as a primer. The second coat gave a better covering but still left the surface patchy and the colour was not true. But on the third coat we had a fantastic finish with a perfect colour match to the tin. I really like the fact that the texture of the wood grain shows through the paint to give an authentic look. The paint covers metal hinges as well.



I have spoken to Ronseal about the product and they say the product should give a good three years of treatment before reapplying. Although you must follow their instructions. Three coats will be necessary, so please factor this into your calculations on coverage and time. Well worth a try!

A cost effective way to "Love the plot you've got".

Solar Power

Solar powered garden products have come a long way over the past few years.

Personally I have always been a bit skeptical about solar powered products. Viewing them as a poor alternative to wired electrical installations. However, things have changed in recent years and we are now delighted to stock a range of products from Smart Solar.



So to add a touch of something extra to "the plot you've got", why not consider some solar lighting or even a wonderful solar powered water feature.

Oh! Don't fret when your solar powered lights stop working. It is most likely the rechargeable battery that needs replacing. We stock a pack of 4 AA batteries suitable for this purpose for just £3.99.



Brundall Home Hardware on-line.

You can find out lots more about Brundall Home Hardware on-line. Please take a look at our web site which has a blog section regularly updated with tips, ideas and information to help you with your DIY and gardening jobs.



Our facebook page is the place to look for regular updates on the shop, products and general news stories. We now have 250 people following us on facebook. We would love to welcome more.

You can also find us on twitter.

 **CLICK AND COLLECT**

Our "click and collect" service can be located on the web site.

Add some style indoors

We've recently added some new lines to our giftware range. We have started using a new supplier and they have a wide range of contemporary and new giftware items.



So if you are looking for a present for someone special, or just looking for a little something for indoors, then you know where to come.

We've also taken a new delivery of jewellery from Byzantium. A beautiful selection of necklaces, broaches, ear-rings and bracelets. Many new styles and designs.