

## Bee Special.....



We are very fortunate that we have a younger generation following us that are being brought up to consider the impact that we have on the environment. Certainly to a much greater degree than perhaps my age group or earlier generations.

In part this is due to increased scientific discovery which shows the impact that humankind is having on nature and the ecology of our home planet. There is also a sense that we may be looking back to the traditional ways of doing things. i.e. carrying a reusable water bottle instead of purchasing water in plastic bottles. In the garden sector a number of chemical companies are starting to acknowledge that some chemicals may be having a detrimental affect on our bee population. Whilst the debate on the impact of neonicotinoids in many pest control products is still very much under discussion,

(there is some evidence that neonicotinoids may be linked to declining bee populations) some manufacturers are starting to introduce less harmful solutions.

At Brundall Home Hardware we continue to offer a selection of pest control products but would encourage our customers to consider some of the more environmentally friendly solutions.

We also like to try and encourage bee activity in the garden centre. To this end you will find many bee friendly plants such as Lavender. On a sunny afternoon you can hear the Garden Centre humming with the sound of bees. Many of our plant suppliers will now indicate on their plant labels if a specific plant is bee or butterfly friendly.

If you really enjoy bees we can also offer you the chance to purchase the fruits of their labour. In the shop you will find jars of locally produced honey. These are priced at £5.99 in either set or runny varieties.



# Garden Centre — a bit of a spruce up!

We opened the Garden Centre in April 2006 and since then we have seen literally thousands of customers enjoy time buying plants and looking at all the garden products on display. It's been a real joy finding new products and plants for you our customers.

Given the age of the Garden Centre we have had to undertake some maintenance in recent weeks. You may have noticed that we have repainted our display sheds, with Ronseal Garden Paint. This has given the whole Garden Centre a fresher look. It has also made it easier to help us direct customers to either the blue or green shed.



The main fence post on the double gates at the back of the Garden Centre had rotted away. This has now been replaced with a brand new post which looks rather smart. It has also made it easier for us to open and shut the gates.

You may have also noticed that we had help during the Summer holidays to clean the shop and Garden Centre. We are very grateful for the help given by Martha, Caira and Charlie to help get the shop looking good as we move into the Autumn.

You too can complete some necessary garden maintenance by using some of our shed and fence paints. These give

a splash of colour to your garden which lasts all year round. So in the depths of Winter you could be looking out onto a shed or fence painted in a choice of bright colours.



Now is also the time to clean greenhouses in preparation for storing plants for the Winter. Jeyes Fluid is ideal for disinfecting the greenhouse itself or any soil into which you may wish to plant next year.

You can also help to reduce green algae in your garden by spraying paths, sheds and fences with herbicides such as Patio Magic. This removes algae with no effort at all and will leave your hard garden surfaces looking clean and fresh.

There is also a safety advantage. Green algae can be slippery when wet and killing this off early before the Winter season can improve safety on paths. The best way to apply

Patio Magic is via a hand pressure sprayer. Simply dilute with water and spray onto hard surfaces.





## Shoe Care at Brundall Home Hardware

We are often being asked for a variety of different shoe care products, to help with cleaning, polishing, dyeing and repairs.

Simple requests such as new shoe laces feature regularly. To this end we have now expanded our range of shoe care products to include protection sprays, deodorisers and polishes. We've even got a product designed to neutralise the smell in the smelliest of shoes or even worse sports trainers.



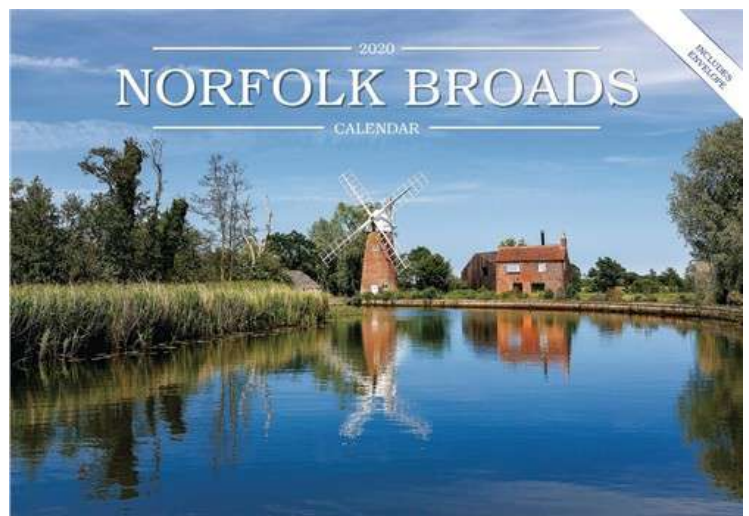
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## Autumn Planting

I've had a number of customers speak to me about the best way to enhance garden planting as we enter the Autumn season. Many of us are seeing our summer displays finishing early and colour disappearing fast.

You will now see the Garden Centre being stocked with seasonal favourites such as Winter Pansies, Cyclamen and Spring flowering bulbs. These are ideal to plant now as they will give an immediate splash of colour and keep interest in your garden during the Winter. I've also bought mixed packs of conifers and shrubs. These are ideal for planting in containers and hanging baskets as they will give you an evergreen display to enhance the Winter Pansies.



I use this form of planting in the baskets outside the front of the shop.

Do freshen your compost in containers? Vine Weevil can be a problem as they enjoy munching on the roots of plants in newly planted containers. Our popular Durston multi-purpose compost is an ideal solution, to freshen your containers priced at just £5.99.

Please do ask if you have any questions about planting over the coming months.

Don't forget that you can compost all of your old Summer plants in either a compost bin or through the Councils garden waste collection service. Home composting is an ideal way to dispose of garden waste and enrich the condition of your soil. The best bit - it's free.



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