



# Newsletter



## September is an incredible month in the garden!

September is a month of preparation and quiet activity in the garden. By focusing on tasks that benefit both your plants and local wildlife, you can ensure that your garden remains a vibrant, welcoming space through the autumn and into winter! Happy gardening from Sootys!



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# Jobs to do...



**Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them**



**Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals**



**Divide herbaceous perennials, to ensure healthy vigorous growth**



**Keep watering new plants, using rain and grey water whenever possible**



**Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering**



**Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting**



**Harvest autumn raspberries - ideally on a dry day so the berries aren't wet**



**Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn**



# Beautiful flowers

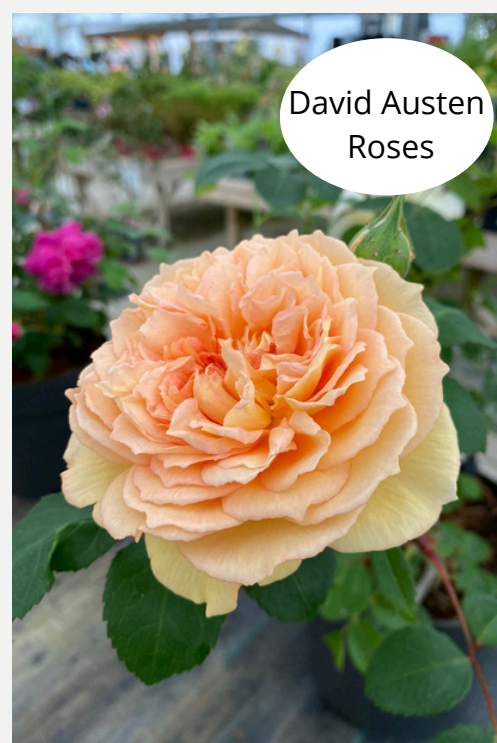
At Sooty's garden centre we have huge range of plant options, all competitively priced and at the highest quality!  
Here are just a few of our staff favourites this month!



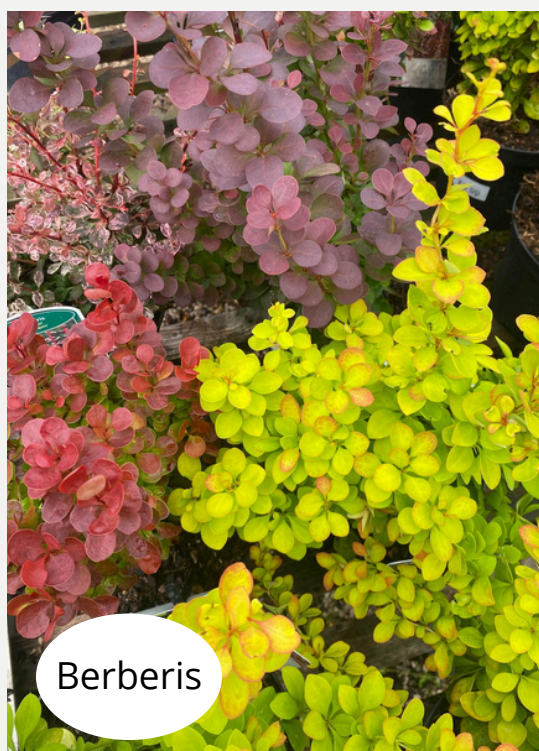
Decorative  
Grass



Buxus



David Austin  
Roses



Berberis



Achillea



Lavandula  
Stoechas



# Welcoming Wildlife

## Provide Water Sources

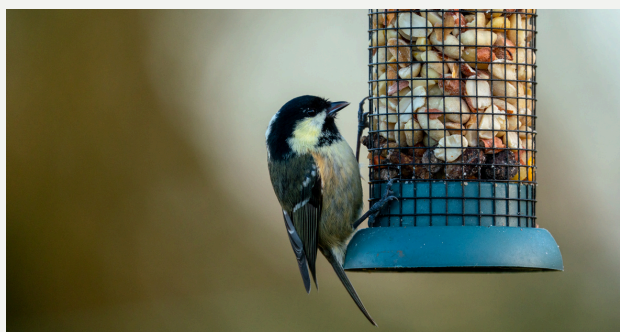
As natural water sources may start to dry up, it's vital to ensure that birds and other wildlife have access to fresh water. A simple birdbath, kept clean and topped up, can make a world of difference. As temperatures drop, ensure to change the water regularly to prevent freezing.

## Feed the Birds

September is the perfect time to set up bird feeders if you haven't already. As natural food sources diminish, providing high-quality bird feed will help keep your feathered friends well-fed. Black sunflower seeds, nyjer seeds, and suet cakes are all great options that provide essential nutrients.

## Build a Bug Hotel

Encourage beneficial insects like ladybirds, solitary bees, and lacewings to take up residence in your garden by building a bug hotel. These can be as simple as a bundle of bamboo canes tied together or as elaborate as a multi-story insect palace made from recycled materials. These insects are natural predators of garden pests and will help keep your plants healthy.





# Garden Ornaments & decorations

*REGARDLESS OF ITS SIZE,  
GARDEN ORNAMENTS CAN  
PROVIDE A BEAUTIFUL FOCAL  
POINT IN YOUR GARDEN.*

SOOTY'S SELLS STONE BIRD  
BATHS, PLANTERS,  
STEPPINGS, STATUES AND  
MORE!



**Not only are stone bird baths  
beautiful to look at, they will also  
encourage more wildlife to your  
garden!**

Looking for a new inspiration in a  
quiet garden corner? Why not try  
something new, and choose from  
animal to greek and roman statues,  
oriental and japanese, easter island,  
pixies, sculptures, sundials, bird baths,  
and more at Sooty's.



have you visited  
**Sweeps Cafe yet!**



**BOOK YOUR TABLE TODAY!**

Monday – Thursday: 10:30am – 4pm

Friday – Sunday: 10am – 4pm

Please note that last food orders from the kitchen is 3:30pm. Drinks & cakes can be ordered up until 3:45pm, 15 minutes before closing time.



the perfect plant that loves shade!

# FATSIA JAPONICA



## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Available at Sooty's for only £34.99!

This evergreen shrub is native to the forested areas of Japan and South Korea. It is a popular ornamental plant in gardens and landscapes due to its attractive foliage and adaptability to a variety of growing conditions. – it often performs best in partial sunlight or full shade!

Fatsia japonica has large, glossy, palmate leaves that typically have 7 to 9 lobes. The leaves are deeply veined and can reach a size of 12 to 16 inches (30 to 40 cm) in diameter.



# September Planting/Harvest Guide

September is when we can begin to welcome Autumn into our gardens!  
This month the fruits and vegetables to sow outdoors and harvest are:

## Outdoor sow

- Lettuces
- Strawberries
- Cabbages (for a spring harvest)
- Cranberries
- Spinach
- Onions
- Peaches and nectarines

## Harvest

### Fruit

- Apples
- Apricots
- Blackberries
- Blueberries
- Cranberries
- Figs
- Grapes
- Melons
- Peaches
- Pears
- Nectarines
- Plums
- Raspberries
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes

### Vegetables

- Aubergines
- Beetroot
- Broccoli
- Cabbages
- Carrots
- Chillies
- Courgettes
- Cucumbers
- French and broad beans
- Garlic
- Carrots
- Celery
- Lettuces
- Marrows
- Onions
- Peas
- Potatoes
- Peppers
- Shallots
- Radishes
- Spinach
- Spring onions
- Summer squash
- Sweetcorn
- Turnips





# Gardener's Quiz

Make sure to read the next newsletter for the answers!  
Good luck,

Which of these groups of vegetables need most frequent watering?

- a. peas, beans, turnips, kale
- b. Watermelon, squash, pumpkin, asparagus
- c. Cucumber, spinach, celery, corn



Which of these sweet smelling plants is highly toxic to humans?

- a. Roses
- b. Lily of the valley
- c. Freesia

Why do people believe pea and bean roots should be left in the ground after harvesting?

- a. To release nitrogen back into the soil
- b. To sanitise the soil
- c. To keep predators at bay



Which of these botanical gardens is not in the United States?



- a. Kew Botanic Gardens
- b. Desert Botanical Gardens
- c. Brookgreen Gardens

What does sinensis imply in a plant name?

- a. Plants of tough, fibrous composition
- b. Plants that irritate the nasal and bronchial tracks
- c. Plants from or first discovered in China





*We can't wait to  
welcome you!*

