



Llandudno in Bloom 2018

Gardening hints and tips for summer displays



Bedding plants

From elaborate public garden displays and street planters to the smallest front garden, bedding plants provide a temporary decorative seasonal display for beds, borders, containers and hanging baskets.

Bedding can be grown from seed, bought as young seedlings (plug plants) or purchased as pot grown specimens often in multi-packs and cellular trays, ready for planting out in late May.

A helpful Royal Horticultural Society website is: www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=640

Hanging baskets

Plant summer hanging baskets from April onwards, but they will need protection from frost until the middle or end of May. If you do not have a greenhouse, it is usually easier to plant in situ once the frost have passed.

You would normally plant up a long-lasting perennial hanging basket from April onwards, depending on the types of plants being used.

Check baskets every day in summer, watering always unless the compost is wet. Drying out is an increasing risk as the plants grow and days remain warm.

Deadhead regularly to prevent the plants' energy going into seed production, rather than more flowers.

Hanging baskets can be self-planted and a helpful Royal Horticultural Society website is: www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=139

Planters and containers

For successful summer displays, choose plants that flower over a long period of time, respond well to deadheading and are tolerant of container cultivation. A wide range of suitable plants should be available in most garden centres from late March onwards. However, don't plant them out until risk of frost has passed in your area.

A helpful Royal Horticultural Society website is: www.rhs.org.uk/advice - in keywords type **Containers**, scroll down the page and click on – **Containers: summer selection**.

Purchasing bedding plants, hanging baskets, perennial plants and compost

Bedding plants, hanging baskets, perennial plants and compost can be purchased from a number of local garden centres and nurseries. Conwy County Borough Council have their own nursery at:

Bryn Euryn Nursery Dinerth Road Rhos-on-Sea LL28 4YN (near Mochdre Household Recycling Centre)
Open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm and Sat & Sun 10am-4pm; which is run by Conwy County Borough Council's social services as a self-financing organisation employing those with learning difficulties.