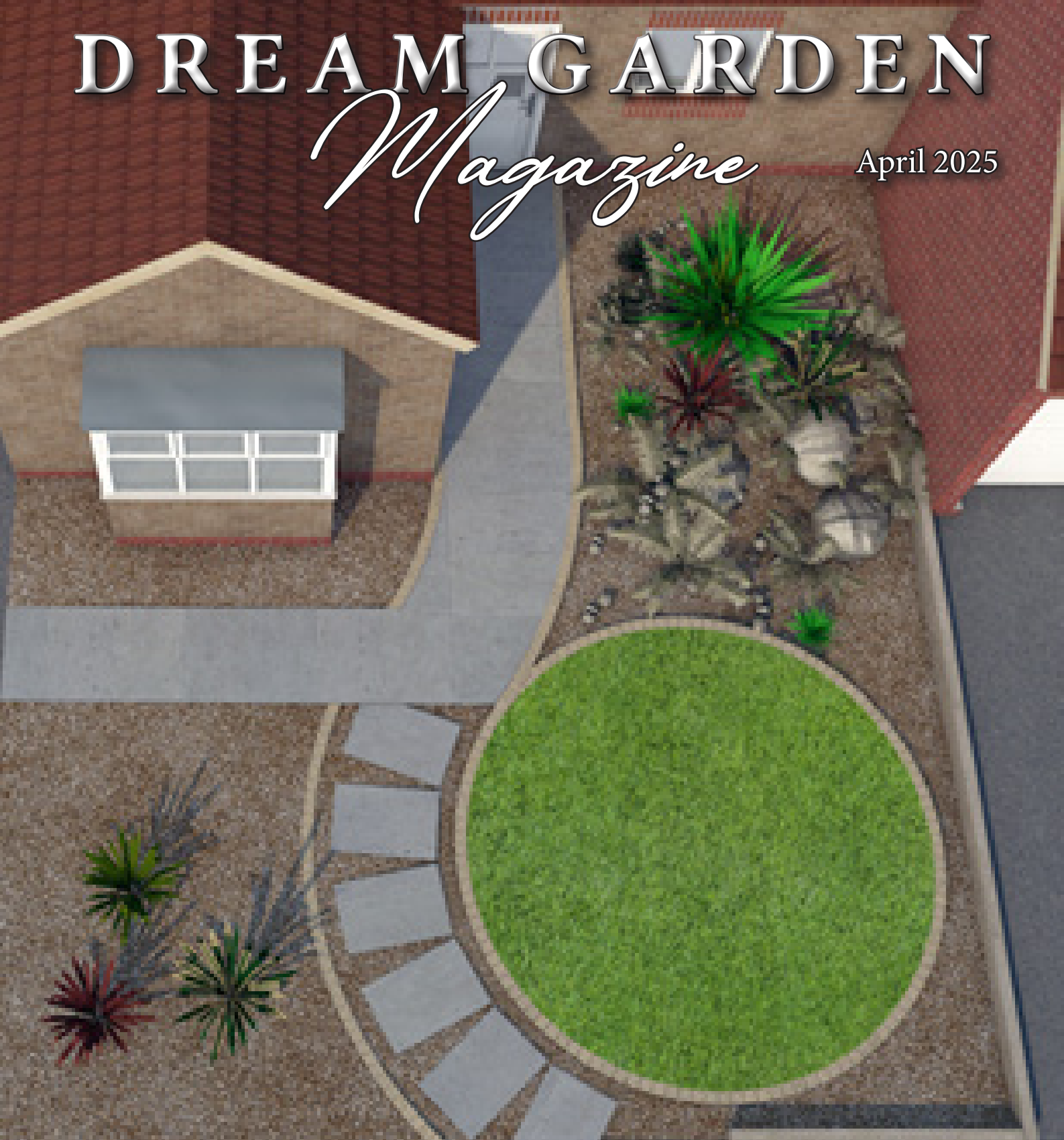


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*Magazine*

April 2025



# Welcome,

*Easter is approaching. . .*

Symbolising new life, this month can be the time your garden is reborn!

**This month's issue will include easter egg hunt ideas, migrating birds and what plants will look great this month in your garden.**

Don't forget to forward this magazine onto family and friends that might benefit from this great read, or who may be looking to have a garden project done this year.



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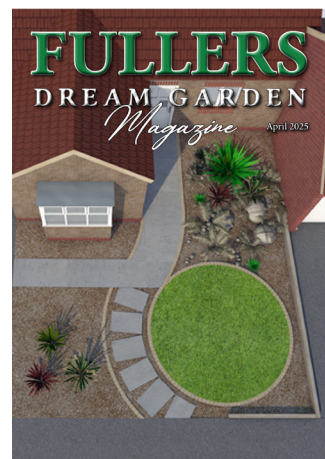
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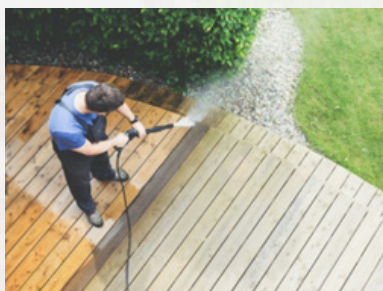
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## Things To Do In The Garden This Month

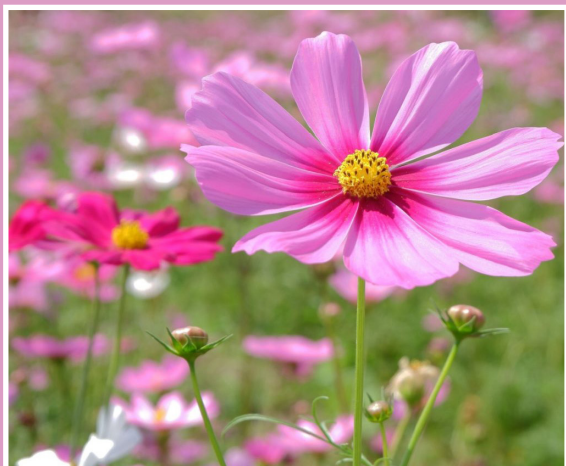
- Keep weeds under control.
- Mow your lawn (lowering the blades gradually).
- Dig in a layer of compost into your beds.
- Deadhead daffodils but leave the foliage intact allowing it to die back naturally, so they will bloom again next year.
- Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds.
- Keep bird baths and bird feeders topped up to encourage birds to your garden.
- Plant out perennials in groups of three, five or seven.
- Protect fruit blossoms from late frosts.
- Divide bamboos and waterlilies.
- Create hanging baskets
- Carry out maintenance of pond pumps and filters

### Did You Know?

The 22nd of April is **Earth Day**, a day dedicated to environmental conservation and appreciation of the Earth. It was first celebrated in 1970 and is now observed globally with events aimed at promoting sustainability and protecting the planet.

# What Looks Good This Month

## OUR FAVOURITE PLANTS FROM THE GARDEN



### COSMOS

Both the perennial *Cosmos atrosanguineus* and the annual cosmos are upright plants, making excellent additions to a summer border. The annuals are particularly effective when massed and provide flowers for cutting over a period of months. Annual comos are easily grown from seed.

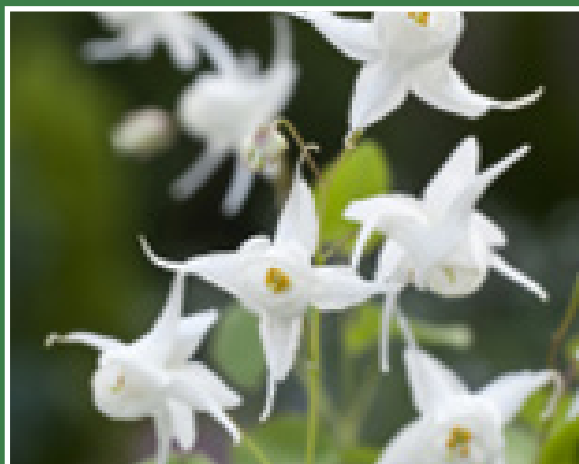


### BRUNNERA

Reliable plants for shadier areas of the garden, these low-growing perennials form spreading clumps, and often have attractively marked foliage. Use them as ground cover in cool parts of the garden with other shade-lovers such as periwinkles (*Vinca*), and hellebores (*Helleborus*).

### EPIEDIUM

Epimediums are valued for both their foliage and flowers, making useful groundcover in dappled or deep shade. The heart-shaped leaves provide texture and varying colours through the seasons, while the dainty, star-like flowers, which come in a variety of colours, add extra interest in spring.





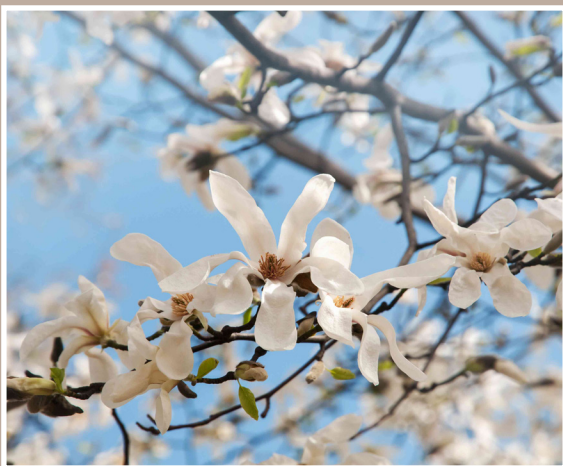


## ALYSSUM 'SNOW CRYSTALS'

A compact, mound-forming perennial, often grown as a summer annual, reaching 15cm in height. In summer it bears a profusion of tiny, cross-shaped, scented white flowers in rounded clusters. A good plant for coastal gardens, rockeries or containers.

## LAMPROCAPRIOS SPECTABILIS VALENTINE

A clump-forming perennial to about 1m tall, with deeply cut foliage emerging pinkish-red but becoming green by early summer. Arching stems dripping with heart-shaped vivid red and white strongly contrasting flowers are produced in late spring.



## STAR MAGNOLIA

A slow-growing medium-sized deciduous shrub of broadly rounded habit. Leaves narrowly obovate. Flowers white, to 10cm in width, with up to 18 narrowly oblong, spreading white tepals, in early spring.

# This Month's Plant Profile

## FORSYTHIA



**F**lowering in early spring, at the same time as many spring bulbs, forsythias contribute hugely to the reawakening of the garden after winter. Use them as specimen shrubs or as part of an informal, flowering hedge. Forsythias are renowned for their vibrant yellow flowers, which appear in early spring all along the bare branches, largely before the leaves unfurl. They usually form large, upright shrubs with arching stems and are deciduous, so lose their leaves over winter.

Forsythias are tolerant of most soil types, in full sun or light shade. They are very hardy and cope well in cold sites. These shrubs will not do well in excessively dry or permanently wet soil. They flower poorly in shade, and their shape can become lopsided in a windy, exposed site.

An easy way to keep forsythias from growing too large is to cut lots of flowering stems to use for display in vases indoors. Alternatively, prune out a few of the oldest stems at the base after flowering, to encourage new, strong growth.



## PANSY

Pansies are a quintessential spring favourite, beloved for their cheerful faces and a wide range of colours. These hardy little wonders can withstand the still-chilly nights of early April, making them a perfect choice to kickstart your garden's colour palette.



If you're looking to add plenty of colour to your garden, then pansies are a smart choice – and can offer year-round colour. Bedding versions are also cheap and can be planted from spring up until late autumn.

These sweet-looking flowers come in every colour of the rainbow, from bright yellow to deep pink, and they're a great way to inject some more vibrant tones to your garden that'll contrast with the usual soft spring shades. Plus, they can withstand frost or even snow, so you don't have to worry about cold snaps.

While pansies grow well in the ground, they're often planted in pots, baskets, and window boxes, which makes it easy to add vivid pops of colour throughout your garden.

Pansies like full sun and moist soil, and to keep your plants growing new flowers all spring, just pinch off the older blooms.

## AMARANTHUS

Also known as 'tassel flower' and 'love lies bleeding', Amaranthus (or Amaranth) is easy to sow and grow and brings a mass of large flower spikes coloured in shades of red and green to the garden, all offset by attractively red or maroon foliage.

If you're interested in growing flowers from seeds, Amaranthus is a good option as it's easy to grow from seed undercover and does best in a sunny spot. It looks beautiful planted with other bright and beautiful summer plants such as dahlias and zinnias. You can also grow it in containers and your veg patch.

Different varieties grow to different heights (check the seed packet when sowing) so can be set either at the front or middle of your borders accordingly. They like to be kept watered, but not soggy. The flowers are also a dramatic addition to indoor arrangements and can be dried for long-term decorations.





# Creatures and Critters

## Your Guide To Encouraging And Caring For Wildlife In Your Garden

As winter bird species, such as fieldfares and waxwings, depart the UK, summer residents begin to return. House martins, whitethroats, sedge warblers, swallows, nightingales and cuckoos may all be seen arriving this month.

Swift  
*Apus apus*



Swallow  
*Hirundo rustica*



House Martin  
*Delichon urbicum*



Extremely fast high fliers, swifts are known for their unrivalled aerial abilities. They often spend their entire lives on the wing including sleeping, mating, and drinking. A group of swifts is called a 'scream', and for good reason. You'll often hear them before you see them! Smaller than swifts or swallows, you're likely to see house martins zooming out from under the eaves of houses in the mornings and evenings. House martins get their name from their habit of nesting in and around houses which act as an alternative to the steep cliffs the species once relied on.

## LADYBIRDS



Ladybirds can be spotted in April as they may have emerged from hibernation in March if the weather was mild enough. They will be on the search for food, then looking to return to a spot to hide and nest. Ladybirds typically mate in May. Ladybirds feed on small insects and aphids. A garden supporting a complete ecosystem will naturally attract more ladybirds. To help them you can put out ladybird towers, so they have a safe place to conceal themselves. Ladybirds are great addition to any garden as they are natural predators of aphids!

# Spring Lawn Care: How to Revive Your Grass After Winter

As the days get longer and temperatures rise, your lawn is finally waking up from its winter dormancy. After months of cold, damp weather, many gardens are left with patchy, moss-covered, or compacted lawns that need a little TLC. April is the perfect time to start your lawn revival, ensuring a lush, green space for the warmer months ahead. Here's a step-by-step guide to bringing your lawn back to life.

## 1. Clear Away Winter Debris

Winter can leave lawns covered in fallen leaves, twigs, and dead grass, which can smother new growth. Start by raking your lawn gently with a spring-tined rake to remove debris and allow air to circulate through the grass. This also helps prevent fungal diseases like snow mould.

## 2. Aerate to Improve Drainage

Heavy rain and winter frost can lead to compacted soil, restricting root growth and causing waterlogging. To improve drainage and encourage healthy roots, aerate your lawn by spiking it with a garden fork or using a lawn aerator. Aim to create holes about 5–10 cm deep, spacing them evenly across the lawn. If you have a large lawn, a hollow-tine aerator can make the job easier.





### 3. Scarify to Remove Moss and Thatch

Moss and thatch (a layer of dead grass and organic matter) can choke your lawn, preventing new grass from thriving. Use a spring-tined rake or a powered scarifier to remove moss and thatch. If moss is a persistent problem, applying a moss killer before scarifying can help. Choose an iron sulphate-based moss killer, which also strengthens the grass.

### 4. Overseed Bare Patches

Bare patches are common after winter, especially in areas with heavy foot traffic. To repair these spots 1. Rake the soil to loosen it, 2. Scatter a quality grass seed suitable for your garden, 3. Lightly cover with topsoil or compost and water gently and 4. Keep the soil moist until the new grass has established.

### 5. Feed for a Healthy Green Lawn

A good feed in early spring helps grass grow strong and vibrant. Use a spring lawn fertiliser that's rich in nitrogen to encourage lush green growth. Avoid using an autumn or winter feed, as these are lower in nitrogen and won't provide the nutrients your lawn needs.

### 6. Mow Carefully and Gradually

Your first mow of the season should be gentle. Set the mower to a higher cutting level and avoid cutting too short, as this can stress the grass. Gradually lower the height with each mow, ensuring the lawn remains healthy and thick.



### 7. Water Wisely

In the UK, spring showers usually provide enough water, but if there's a dry spell, water your lawn early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation. Deep, infrequent watering encourages stronger root development compared to frequent, shallow watering.

### 8. Edge for a Neat Finish

Crisp lawn edges give your garden a polished look. Use a half-moon edging tool or lawn shears to tidy up borders. If you want a low-maintenance option, consider installing lawn edging strips to keep grass neatly contained.

By following these steps, your lawn will soon bounce back from winter's harsh effects, becoming a lush, green space perfect for relaxing or entertaining. Regular care throughout the season will keep it looking its best, so invest a little time now for a stunning lawn all summer long.

Happy gardening! 🌱

# Garden Showcase of the Month

We get to work on some amazing projects and we thought we would share them with you. They can hopefully provide you with inspiration for your own dream garden.



## Fantastic Front Garden

Project Year: 2024

Location: Sleaford, Lincolnshire





any homeowners seek stylish yet practical outdoor spaces, this front garden is a perfect example of a contemporary, low-maintenance design. Gone are the days of high-maintenance lawns and constant upkeep;

instead, this space embraces a sleek, functional aesthetic that enhances the home's curb appeal while requiring minimal effort.

The most striking feature of this garden is its balance between modern landscaping elements and natural textures. A perfectly circular artificial lawn serves as the centrepiece, framed with neutral-toned brick edging. This clever design adds symmetry and visual appeal, creating a tidy, structured look that stands out against the surrounding gravel.



The stepping-stone pathway leading to the entrance provides both practicality and elegance. The subtle grey paving stones blend seamlessly with the exterior of the house, offering a welcoming entrance while ensuring ease of movement.



One of the key advantages of this design is its low-maintenance nature. Instead of a traditional lawn that requires regular mowing, watering, and fertilising, the artificial grass remains lush and green all year round with minimal upkeep. Similarly, the surrounding gravel beds eliminate the need for frequent weeding while providing excellent drainage—ideal for our weather conditions.

Although the design is minimalist, it doesn't compromise on natural elements. Small, carefully chosen plants are scattered throughout the gravel, adding splashes of greenery and subtle colour variations.

Drought-resistant plants, such as ornamental grasses and succulents, are an excellent choice for this type of garden, ensuring they thrive without the need for constant care.

A decorative rock feature near the front adds an organic touch, creating a natural contrast to the smooth gravel and structured lawn. This detail enhances the garden's texture, making it visually interesting while maintaining the modern theme.

This was a great project to design and build, with the client being thrilled with the final result!





Before



After



# Ed's Thoughts!

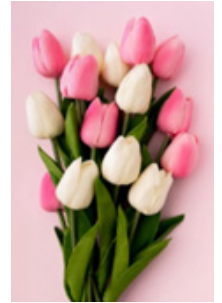
## BLOOMING BONKERS!

Springtime is synonymous with growth, renewal, and vibrant blooms. April, with its longer days and milder temperatures, is an ideal time to plant a variety of bulb flowers that will brighten up your garden in the months ahead. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a beginner, selecting the right bulbs to plant in April can make all the difference in creating a stunning garden display.

Here's a look at some of the best bulb flowers you can plant in your garden during April:

### Tulips

Tulips are one of the most popular spring bulbs and are available in almost every colour and shape you can imagine. While they are traditionally planted in the autumn, you can still plant them in April for a late bloom. They thrive in well-drained soil and full sun, providing a bold and vibrant show as they bloom from April through May. Choose from early, mid, or late-season varieties to extend the flowering period in your garden.



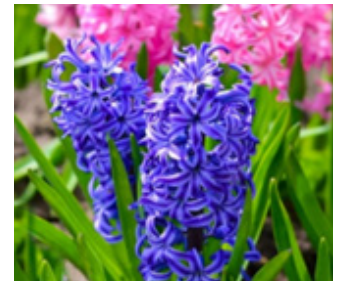
### Daffodils



Daffodils are synonymous with spring in the UK and are a fantastic choice for April planting. While they are typically planted in autumn, planting them in early April can yield flowers later in the spring. They prefer well-drained soil, and they're known for being hardy, requiring minimal maintenance.

### Hyacinths

Known for their strong fragrance and vibrant colours, hyacinths are another great bulb to plant in your garden in April. Hyacinths do well in moderately fertile, well-drained soil, and they bloom in shades of pink, purple, blue, and white. While typically planted in autumn, they can also be planted in the spring for an aromatic splash of colour.



### Iris reticulata



Iris reticulata is a dwarf iris that produces early spring blooms in hues of blue, purple, and yellow. These bulbs are perfect for adding a splash of colour to rockeries, borders, or containers. Planting Iris reticulata in April will yield blooms in late spring. They prefer sunny spots and well-drained soil, and their vibrant flowers are a great addition to any garden design.

### Tips for Planting Bulbs in April

- ◆ Ensure the soil is well-drained and fertile. It's essential to break up any heavy soil and mix in compost to help the bulbs establish strong roots.
- ◆ Plant bulbs at the recommended depth and spacing to ensure they have enough room to grow and bloom.
- ◆ Water the bulbs well after planting, but avoid waterlogging, as this can lead to bulb rot.
- ◆ Although April typically sees milder temperatures, keep an eye on the forecast. If frost is expected after planting, cover the area with a layer of mulch or fleece to protect the bulbs.

# Maintenance Matters

## A GUIDE TO POWER WASHING

Power washing, also known as pressure or jet washing, is a highly effective and efficient method for cleaning outdoor surfaces around your home. It involves using a high-pressure stream of water to remove dirt, grime, algae, moss, and stains from various surfaces. From driveways to patios and garden furniture, it can give your outdoor space a fresh, clean appearance. However, when using a power washer near your garden, it's crucial to take precautions to prevent damage to your plants, soil, and landscape features. If not used correctly, the intense force of the water can be harmful and cause other unintended consequences.

### Clear the Area Around Your Garden

Before you start power washing, clear any debris and fragile items away from the areas you plan to clean. This includes garden tools, furniture, or any pots that could be knocked over. Move any sensitive plants, if possible, or shield them with tarps or old sheets to protect them from the water spray.

### Use the Correct Nozzle and Pressure Setting

Choosing the right nozzle and pressure setting is key to avoiding damage to your garden. Most power washers come with adjustable nozzles, with varying degrees of pressure. For delicate garden areas, use the lowest pressure setting and the widest nozzle. This will allow you to clean effectively while reducing the risk of damaging plants, soil, and landscaping.

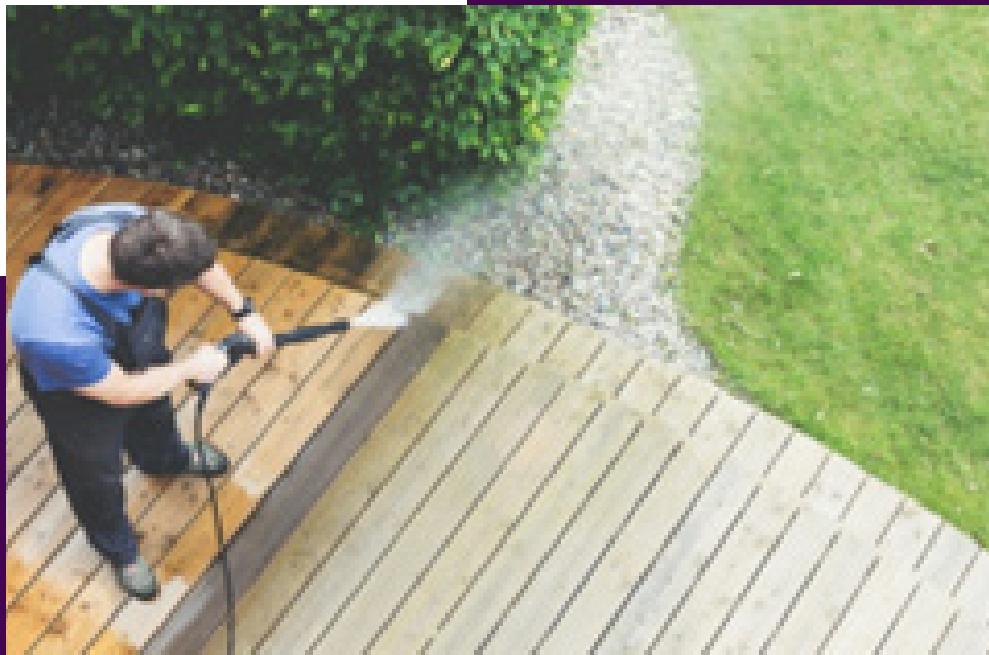
If you are cleaning your patio I would suggest that you use a stiff brush and hose instead, to ensure that you do not blow out the compound/grouting between the slabs. If you need to use a power washer, then make sure it is on a low setting so it can be as gentle as possible.

### Avoid Directly Power Washing Near Plant Roots

If you need to clean near flower beds or around the base of trees and shrubs, be sure to avoid spraying directly at the roots. The forceful water can loosen the soil, disrupt root systems, and damage plant roots. If necessary, use a hand nozzle or lower pressure setting to clean surfaces gently without disturbing the soil or roots.

### Power Wash in Dry Conditions

Power washing in wet conditions can lead to waterlogging in your garden. If it's been raining recently, it's best to wait until the ground is drier before power washing. Wet soil is more likely to wash away under high pressure, so it's important to ensure that your garden's moisture levels are ideal before using a power washer.





# Creative Easter Egg Hunt Ideas For Your Garden

Easter is a time for family fun, outdoor activities, and, of course, the beloved Easter egg hunt. For the Easter egg hunt in your garden this year, there are plenty of ways to make the event extra special and memorable. Whether you're hunting for classic chocolate eggs, colourful plastic eggs filled with treats, or small prizes, a garden Easter egg hunt can be both exciting and enchanting.

## Themed Egg Hunt

A themed Easter egg hunt adds an extra layer of excitement and creativity to the traditional activity. Here's a few ideas: enchanted forest, floral theme, pirate or even simply focus on a colour scheme!



## Treasure Map Hunt

For a more adventurous Easter egg hunt, create a treasure map that leads children to different clues or hidden eggs. This idea works particularly well in a larger garden with distinct areas, such as trees, flower beds, and fences. The treasure map can include riddles, symbols, puzzles, or even small tasks that need to be completed to unlock the location of the next egg. This idea adds more engagement and fun to the hunt, ensuring that kids stay active and entertained throughout. You could even add a special "treasure" egg at the end of the hunt, which contains a larger prize or surprise!



## Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt

If you're planning an evening Easter egg hunt, glow-in-the-dark eggs can add an extra touch of magic to the event. Purchase glow-in-the-dark Easter eggs or make your own by decorating plastic eggs with glow-in-the-dark paint. Set up a few lanterns or string lights around your garden to provide some ambient light while the kids search for their glowing treasures. A glow-in-the-dark egg hunt is particularly fun for older children looking to add some mystery to the hunt!

## DIY Easter Egg Nest

Turn your garden into a whimsical Easter nest by placing eggs in unexpected places. Fill small baskets or buckets with shredded paper or moss to create little "nests" around the garden. You could also place a few eggs in birdhouses or under potted plants, creating a more interactive experience where kids must search thoroughly to discover the hidden nests. Add mini chocolate eggs, small toys, or trinkets inside for added excitement.

An Easter egg hunt in your garden is a wonderful way to celebrate spring, bring family and friends together, and make lasting memories. Whether you opt for a classic hunt, a treasure map challenge, or a themed event, there are plenty of creative ideas to add flair and excitement to the experience. With these unique egg hunt ideas, you can create a magical celebration in your garden this Easter for all ages to enjoy!

# Garden to Kitchen

## This Month's Recipe

### CLASSIC RHUBARB CRUMBLE

This month there are lots of seasonal options to choose from, but we are focusing on rhubarb. With nutritional benefits such as being high in vitamin C and vitamin K, rhubarb are a great fruit to grow this spring. They are the perfect mix of sweet and sour, perfect for a pie or crumble as seen in the recipe below!

PREP TIME: 20 MINS

COOK TIME: 30-60 MINS

SERVES: 4

#### Ingredients

For the crumble:

- 10 sticks of rhubarb
- 8 tbsp of caster sugar
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 110g butter, softened
- 110g demerara sugar
- 200g plain flour

To serve

- Ice cream or cream



#### Method

##### STEP 1

Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4.

##### STEP 2

Cut the rhubarb into 3-inch-long sticks and place on an oven tray. Sprinkle with 4 tablespoons of water and the caster sugar. Roast for 10 minutes. Sprinkle over the ginger and mix well. Fill an ovenproof dish about 2 inches deep with the rhubarb.

##### STEP 3

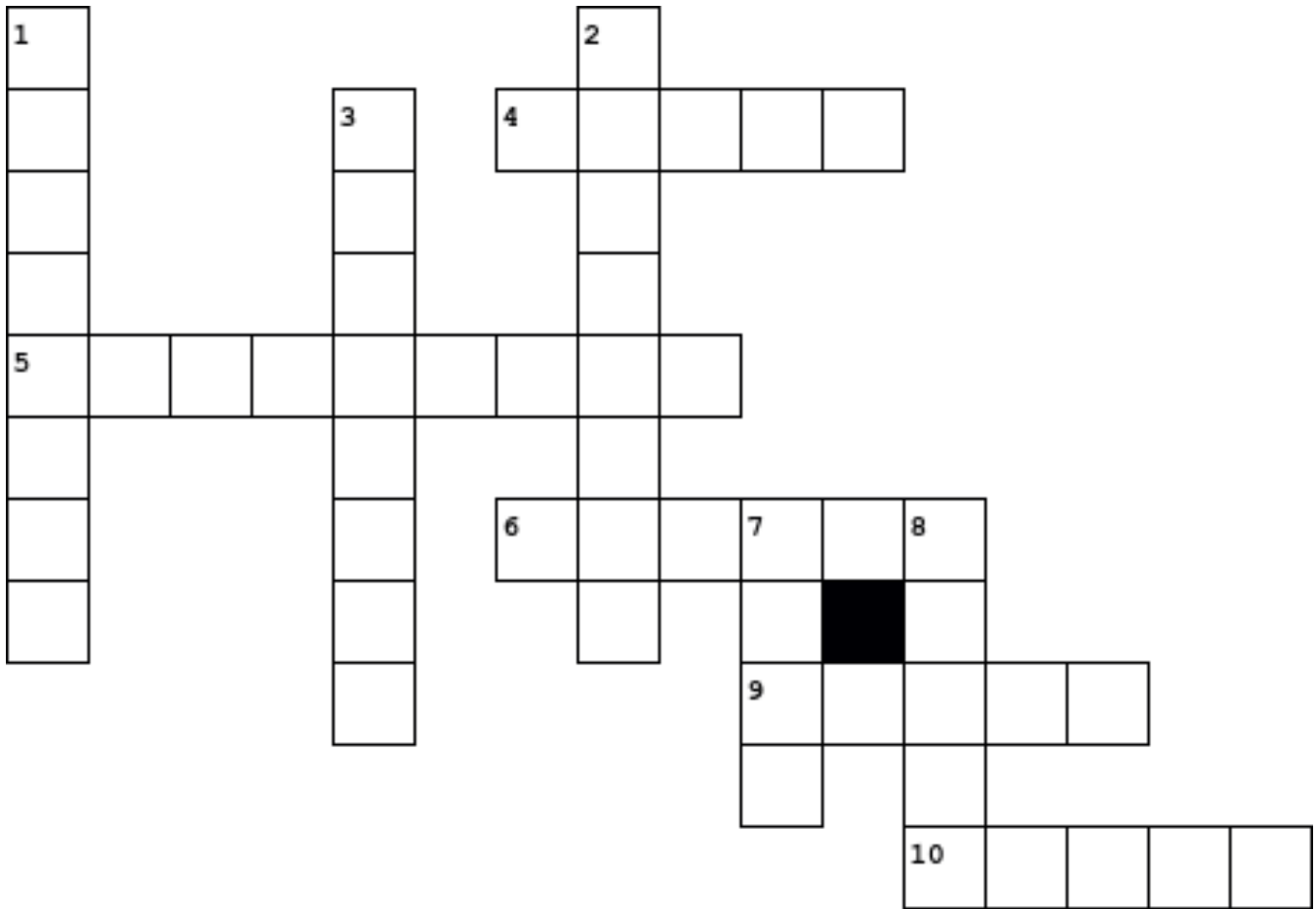
Rub the butter into the flour then mix in the demerara sugar to make the crumble topping. Sprinkle over the rhubarb and bake for 35–45 minutes, or until the crumble topping is crisp and golden-brown and the rhubarb filling has softened and is bubbling. Leave to cool before serving.





# Monthly Puzzle

CAN YOU WORK OUT THE 10 SPRING FLOWERS IN THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE?\*



## Across

4. Cheerful white flower with a yellow centre.
5. Wildflower with bright yellow petals and milky sap.
6. Spring flower often associated with poetry and love.
9. Fragrant flower with tiny clustered blossoms, often purple or white.
10. Ornamental plant with ruffled blooms in shades of red, pink, and white.

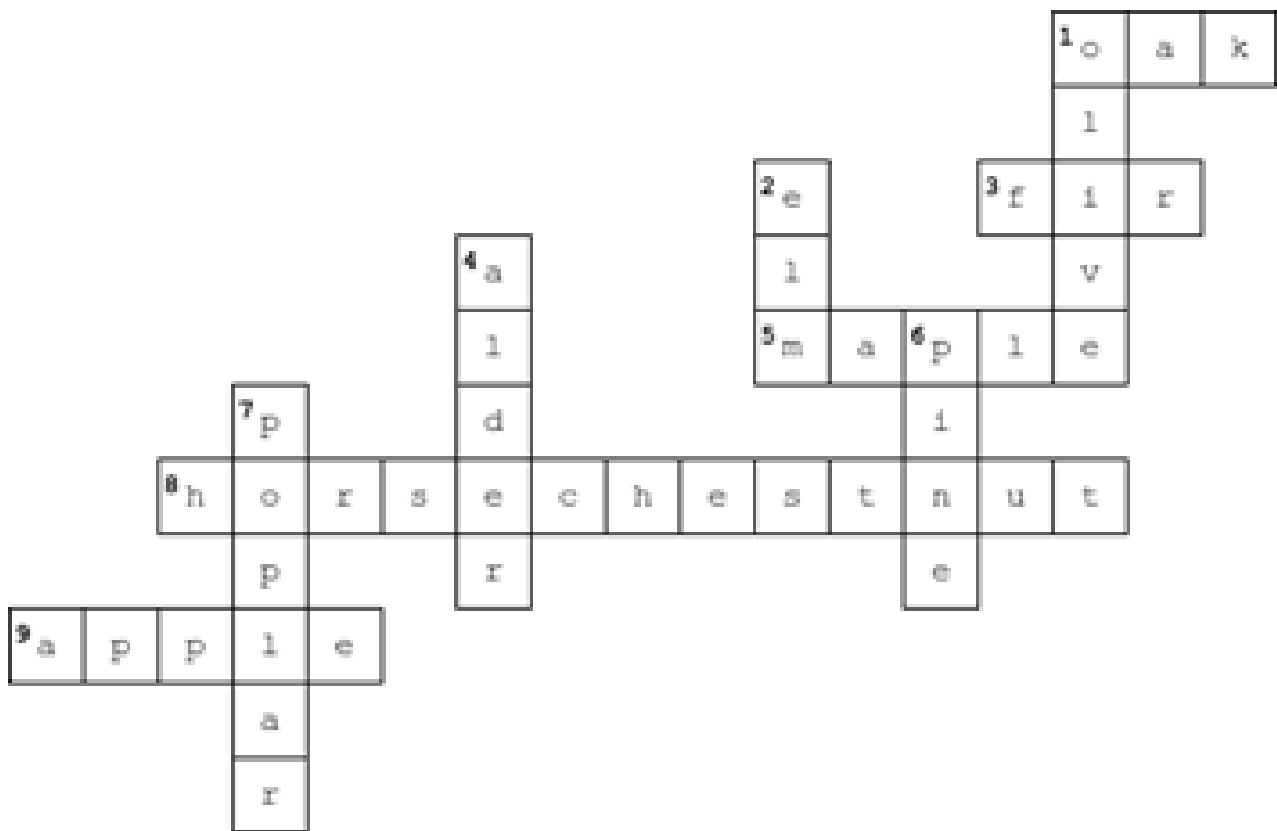
## Down

1. Delicate woodland flower with nodding white or pink heads.
2. Yellow trumpet-shaped bloom associated with spring.
3. Small blue or purple flowers that carpet woodlands in spring.
7. Elegant flower often seen in Easter arrangements.
8. Popular bulb flower with varieties like Darwin and Parrot.

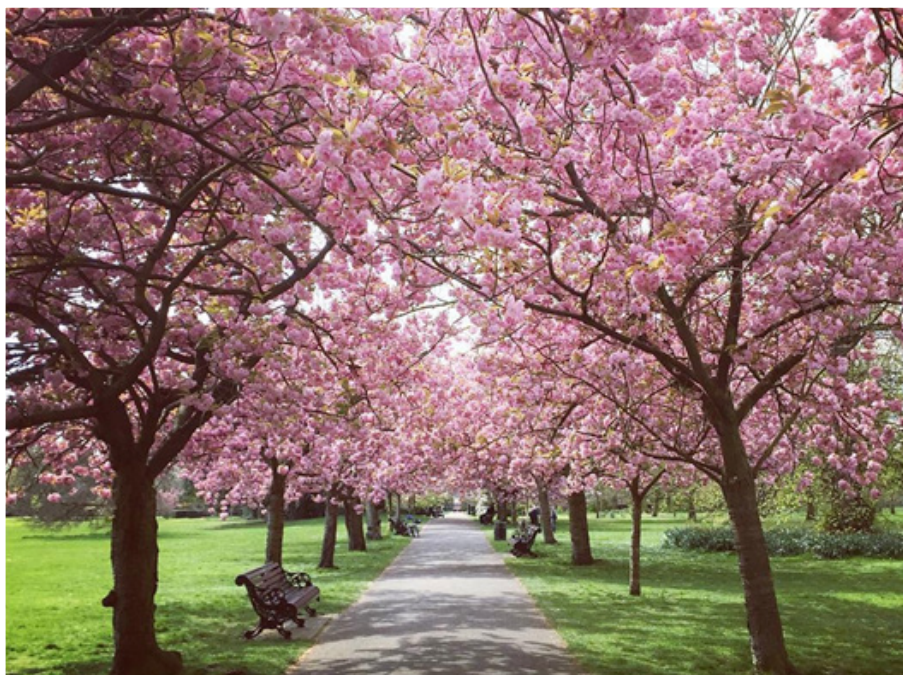
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# Previous Month's Answers




HERE ARE THE ANSWERS FOR FEBRUARY'S CROSSWORD






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We began with a garden that was lifeless and that we hadn't used for over 10 years. With the vision and creativeness from Fullers Landscaping we have an outstanding area for parties along with an imaginative side area with a rockery planted area which is ideal to sit out for a morning coffee.

We have been extremely impressed with the streamline service which meant we could do our day jobs without any hassle as the project was fully managed by them.

Huge thanks to all the team and we look forward to seeing you again in the spring to bring your other ideas to life!

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