



Aughton & Ormskirk U3A GARDENING GROUP NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

Welcome to the Gardening Groups newsletter which we hope you will find of interest.

Full details of the Gardening Group can be seen on the U3A website at <http://aughton-ormskirk-u3a.co.uk/groups/gardening-group/>

The Gardening Group is up and running.

The gardening group got off to a flying start at its October meeting with an excellent presentation by the speaker Maureen Sawyer on the topic "A-Z of garden gems".

November Gardening Group Meeting

Wednesday 7 November 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

Venue: St Michaels Church Hall

"Weeds to love or loath, that is the question"

Speaker: Matthew Smith

The topic at the November meeting is one that effects all gardeners, however the talk aims to get you thinking about weeds differently.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

The National Garden Scheme is the most significant charitable funder of nursing charities in the country, donating £55 million so far. We help our garden owners open their beautiful gardens to the public, sharing their passion and raising impressive amounts of money through entry fees, teas and slices of cake.

Our beneficiary charities are: The Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Carers Trust, Hospice UK, Perennial, Parkinson's UK and other guest charities.

Around 3,700 gardens open each year for the National Garden Scheme, all of our gardens can be found on our website www.ngs.org.uk or in our Garden Visitor's Handbook, published annually.



In the greenhouse

Replace damaged glass before the worst of the winter weather sets in. Clean out the greenhouse thoroughly. Wash the glass, the floor and the staging with horticultural disinfectant to kill any overwintering pests and diseases.

Install solar lights in the greenhouse so that you can still get out there on dark winter evenings to check your plants. Insulate the greenhouse with sheets of bubble wrap attached to the inside of the frame, to reduce heat loss.



If you haven't already aerated your lawn, there's still time to do it before winter sets in. You can use either a lawn aerator or simply insert a garden fork at regular intervals and lean it back slightly to let air in.

Continue to clear fallen leaves off the lawn to keep it healthy. Remember to set your lawn mower to a higher cut-height for winter.



Garden Jobs for November

- 1) There's still time to plant daffodil bulbs and other spring flowering bulbs for a magnificent start to next year's display.
- 2) Start to plant bare-root roses - they can be planted any time between now and March.
- 3) Continue to lift dahlia tubers, begonias and gladiolus corms to store dry over the winter months. Remove the dead foliage before storing.



FUTURE DATES FOR YOU DIARY

Harrogate Flower Show
Spring 25 – 28 April 2019
Autumn 13 – 15 September 2019



Chorley Flower Show
27 – 28 July 2019



Southport Flower Show
15 – 18 August 2019

