

The NEWSLETTER

November: Let the firework frenzy begin!

Hi {FIRSTNAME},

November is upon us and we'll soon be welcoming the crisp, cool evenings curled up with a mug of warm cocoa by the fire. This month is a [fantastic month for colour in the garden](#) as we say hello to the burnt oranges of autumn berries and the dainty heads of Cyclamen in garden borders. It's also a great time to be doing [gardening jobs](#) such as planting winter bedding and popping food out for wildlife to keep them going through the colder months.

As your pumpkin carving activities draw to a close, don't forget to [submit your jack o'lantern photos](#) for a **chance to win one of three fantastic seasonal prizes**. So too, as cold season takes hold, you might want to check out my blog series on The Power of Plants for Better Health, including those on [houseplants](#) and [mental well-being](#), for tips on how to use gardening and plants to boost your health.

The buzz of bonfire night will soon be upon us and this month I've included some excellent ideas for 5th Nov parties. As [Patron of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society](#), I'm also reminding people to take simple steps to keep our prickly friends out of harm's way, e.g. building bonfires on the day, checking them thoroughly and lighting them from only one side. For more on how to help hedgehogs see my blog [caring for hedgehogs in your garden](#). Congratulations to the winners of last month's giveaway - Graham Pearce and Madara Mirza - Howie the Hedgehog is now on his way to you!

I also have some incredible content forthcoming to mark the centenary of the end of World War I on 11th Nov. Keep your eyes peeled for these!

Read on for more seasonal blogs, hot tips and [your chance to win a pair of tickets to the Ideal Home Show Christmas](#) later this month.

Happy gardening!

David



Gardening Tip Of The Month

Protect exotic plants like palms or tree ferns from frost with straw or hessian on the crown and around the trunk

Follow me on social media for gardening advice, quizzes, giveaways and more!



NOVEMBER GARDENING GUIDES

Top 3 gardening jobs



Prepare outdoor plants



Plant winter bedding



Provide food for birds



Top 3 plants: November

Bring some winter wonder to your garden this November with my top 3 plants for mid-autumn colour.

They are guaranteed to colour your month bright in the lead up to Christmas.

FEATURED BLOGS & VIDEOS

Help for hedgehogs

During bonfire season, it's easy to take simple steps to keep hedgehogs out of harm's way - read my blog for some helpful tips!



Looking After Hedgehogs



The Power of Plants for Better Health: Mental Health

Plant power!

Did you know that plants can significantly improve your mental health? Discover their benefits in my latest Power of Plants blog.

Bonfire bliss

Enjoy a brilliant bonfire party this year with these spectacular tips on how to throw a sparkling

evening, glistening with
glee and bursting with
beauty.



Bonfire Night Party Ideas



Garden of the Night

In the night garden

Since the clocks went back on 28th October, our gardens have been plunged into darkness. Here are some inspiring ideas for making the most of your garden at night.

Jumping Jack Frost

While it's time to say goodbye to long summer days, we don't need to say goodbye to our gardens. See my top tips for making the most of your outdoor space in the colder months.



Preparing for cold weather

COMPETITIONS



Competition to WIN tickets

Enter my hot competition to win a pair of tickets to the [Ideal Home Show Christmas](#) this November and you could come and meet me in person!

My festive talk on Sat 24th Nov will take you through every horticultural thing you need to know in time for Christmas - from choosing the perfect Christmas tree to making fabulous decorations with holly, ivy and kiss-me-quick mistletoe. **I've got 25 pairs of tickets to give away, so fill out your details [here](#) to be in with a chance to win!**

Closes: 14th Nov at 11:59pm



Pumpkin carving competition

My annual pumpkin carving competition is closing soon.

Submit your jack o'lantern pictures for a chance to win a Lego Halloween set, pumpkin LED lantern or solar-powered outdoor lights. May the best pumpkin win!

Closes: 4th Nov at 11:59pm



Win 1 of 5 Kent & Stowe Clay Mules

Enter my Free prize draw for a chance to win 1 of 5 Kent & Stowe Clay Mules.

This handcrafted carbon steel tool, is designed for harder to work soil. It's ideally used in large soils areas, where you need to loosen and aerate packed soil that is harder to work with. It's carbon steel head adds strength.

Closes: 30th Nov at 11:59pm

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