



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

December 15, 2017

SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST INDUSTRY TRADE

Prices Shown - Average to Top Quality

Sales are held as follows:
Vegetables & Fruit:
 Monday and Thursday 11.30am Wednesday 11 am
Flowers & Plants:
 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 12.30 pm

CUT FLOWERS

Flower sales take their annual pre-Christmas pause for breath before the last minute seasonal splurge. Limited entries of local Spray and Bloom Chrysanthemums continue to realise strong prices due to a healthy demand. Freshly cut, local Daffodils continue to clear daily, with Wednesday proving to be the highlight of the week. Short on stature, but highly coloured local Tulips tempt buyers to indulge freely. An immense array of Spray Carnations effects a softening of prices, although the average returns remain fairly constant.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.60 -	£0.80
Chrysanth Bloom	Bunch	£2.00 -	£2.20
Chrysanth Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.40 -	£1.60
Chrysanth Spray Local	Bunch	£0.70 -	£1.60
Daffodils	Bunch	£0.60 -	£0.90
Freesia	Stem	£0.15 -	£0.22
Tulips	Bunch	£0.55 -	£0.75

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

Argh! With only two weeks until the big day, the heavens open up, dumping a carpet of snow across swathes of our green and pleasant land. Plant sales suffer badly, with traders slashing their buying quotas. Potted Bulbs and white flowering Hellebores prove to be a safe haven due to their robust nature. Mistletoe and Wreath sales are relatively unaffected by the weather, with a bumper attendance of avid bidders all looking for something special for graves and doors. We even have an exceptionally crafted unique Wreath realising thirty two pounds! Poinsettia prices are soft on Monday, but firm up as the weekend approaches.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Amaryllis	13cm	£1.70 -	£2.00
Christmas Planted Baskets	Each	£3.00 -	£7.50
Hellebores	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.50
Hyac (Potted)	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.40
Mistletoe	Bunch	£0.60 -	£1.50
Orchid	13cm	£1.30 -	£2.50
Poinsettias	13cm	£0.90 -	£1.40
Primrose	9cm	£0.20 -	£0.30
Tete-a-tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.45 -	£0.60
Wreaths	Each	£3.00 -	£7.00

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

With Christmas virtually upon us, we see an excellent turnout of market traders and greengrocers all eager to bid on the well presented, clearly labelled produce on show. With only a limited showing of Leeks to be seen, prices climb ever upwards, but the star of the show remains delicate Purple Sprouting Broccoli. Bumper entries of both bagged Sprouts and Sprout Stalks affect demand and therefore the prices realised. Uniform, bold sized Red Potatoes seem to be the only varieties sparking any kind of interest, apart from glasshouse grown "Swift" new season samples, which are constantly in demand.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - January King	6's	£1.50 -	£2.00
Calabrese	1kg	£1.00 -	£1.30
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00 -	£3.50
Leeks	4.5Kg	£2.00 -	£3.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.00 -	£1.50
Potatoes	25kg	£1.50 -	£4.00
Potatoes (New Swift)	1Kg	£1.00 -	£1.50
Sprout Stalks (Bundle)	5's	£1.20 -	£1.50
Sprouting Broccoli	1Kg	£2.00 -	£3.00
Sprouts	9Kg	£3.20 -	£4.00

WOULD VENDORS ENSURE THAT ALL PRODUCTS ENTERED INTO THE AUCTION ARE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR VENDOR NUMBER. VENDOR CARDS, WHICH MUST DETAIL THE DESCRIPTION, COUNT AND OR WEIGHT OF THE ITEMS ENTERED ARE AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION.

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CHRISTMAS OPENING
 We are open as normal up until Thursday 21st December, Florist Sundries will be open for last minute Christmas purchases on Friday 22nd December. Every department will then be closed until Wednesday 27th December when will have our normal auction.