



# MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

February 23, 2018

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**

The bitterly cold weather fails to subdue flower sales, with a healthy attendance of avid bidders throughout the week. Indoor Daffodil prices ease back as they near the end of the season and buyers turn their attention to outdoor varieties. A smashing selection of diminutive Outdoor Daffodils inspire bidding battles a plenty despite their small appearance. "Mando and Dutch Master" are two superb golden varieties featuring highly. A lovely line of Eucalyptus attracts a host of bids for bouquet arrangements. A large swathe of packhouse Roses provide a pocket money treat post Valentine's day.

**POT & GARDEN PLANTS**

A pleasant week's trading on the plant auction, despite the rain early in the week. Large show stopper plants fare well in proceedings this week, with Buxus selling in large quantities and a stupendous showing of Standard Lollipop Bay Trees drawing bids from all corners of the auction halls. A wonderful array of Primroses and Polyanthus in super shades of colour herald the imminent arrival of Spring. A marvellous entry of Erica Heathers resplendent in hues of pink, lilac, purple and cream, shine like a beacon, attracting bid after bid from smitten buyers. Hellebore sales are helped by the appearance of darker coloured Oriental varieties alongside the ubiquitous whites.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

Despite more plentiful supplies of delicate Broccoli becoming available, demand remains strong, as only limited entries of Cauliflowers are seen. White Sprouting Broccoli makes its seasonal debut and takes top spot above the purple variety in buyers wish lists. As the Leek season draws to a close demand outstrips supply, and prices inevitably rise. Of all the varieties of cabbage, Savoy remains a struggle to move at any price. Likewise Onions and Potatoes only sell according to the sample on offer.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquet (Mixed)	Bunch	£1.80 -	£2.60
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.60
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.90 -	£2.50
Daffodils Indoor	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.60
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.16 -	£0.25
Eucalyptus	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Roses	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.50
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.80

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Aubretia	13cm	£0.50 -	£0.70
Erica	13cm	£0.60 -	£0.80
Hellebores	12cm	£1.50 -	£2.70
Ivy	9cm	£0.20 -	£0.40
Magnolia	7½ Ltr	£6.00 -	£6.40
Phalaenopsis	13cm	£2.00 -	£2.50
Primroses	10cm	£0.18 -	£0.45
Snowdrops (Potted)	10cm	£0.55 -	£0.65
Standard Bay Tree	6ft	£120.00 -	£125.00
Tete-a-Tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.30 -	£0.55

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.50 -	£2.00
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£5.00 -	£6.50
Cauliflower	6's	£3.50 -	£5.00
Cavolo Nero	4.5kg	£2.00 -	£4.00
Celeriac	6's	£3.00 -	£3.50
Leeks	4.5kg	£3.00 -	£4.00
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.00 -	£1.50
Potatoes	25kg	£1.50 -	£3.00
Sprout Stalks (Bundle)	5's	£1.00 -	£1.20
Sprouting Broccoli	1kg	£1.00 -	£2.00

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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