



# MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

February 9, 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**

A large attendance of avid buyers descend upon the auction this week, all ready to gorge on the floral fancies on offer. An immense array of lovely local Daffodils has interested buyers standing to attention, with ballistic bidding battles breaking out for all quality entries. Volumes of Outdoor Daffodils increase, whilst prices remain strong due to a healthy demand. A tantalising touch of Tulips tickle the tonsils of the auctioneer as he counts the ever increasing hands rising into the air to secure a slice of the action. With reports of early finishes on the Continental clocks, imported flower prices prove too expensive for the buyers to turn a profit.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets (mixed)	Bunch	£1.30 -	£1.60
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.80 -	£1.00
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.70 -	£2.00
Daffodils Indoor	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.80
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.30 -	£0.40
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50 -	£0.70

**POT & GARDEN PLANTS**

As we leave January behind and move into fabulous February, a few more familiar faces reappear from post Christmas holidays and breaks to reacquaint themselves with proceedings. Primrose prices remain subdued, as early overstocks appear. "Double" and "Novelty" varieties garner a lot of attention, helping to return price premiums. Potted "Tete-a-Tete" Narcissi begin to sell in larger volumes as breaking flower buds invite increasing interest. The cold, crisp temperatures prove ideal for potted Snowdrop sales this week. Mixed Shrub selections are highly sought after, as more varieties show signs of springing into action. White flowering Hellebores return to favour, with a host of bids for all bumper size entries.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Assorted Shrubs	1 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.10
Buxus	1 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.10
Conifers (Assorted)	10 Ltr	£3.50 -	£5.00
Hellebores	12cm	£1.00 -	£2.25
Leylandii Green	2 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.10
Magnolia	7½ Ltr	£6.00 -	£6.40
Primrose	10cm	£0.25 -	£0.40
Snowdrops (Potted)	10cm	£0.55 -	£0.65
Tete-a-Tete (Potted)	10cm	£0.25 -	£0.50

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

As we look back at the annual sales patterns, what a difference a year makes. Last years plentiful samples of imported Cauliflower seems a long lost memory, with only limited supplies of any Cauliflower to be seen this year, home or away. Deep Purple Sprouting Broccoli once again takes centre stage as eager buyers queue up to bid. Pencil straight, uniform Leeks also feature highly. Unsurprisingly neither appear on the supermarkets promotion lists. The pain for Potato growers continues, with only the best samples being snapped up at very average prices.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Cabbage - Savoy	6's	£1.50 -	£2.00
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£4.00 -	£6.50
Cauliflower	6's	£3.00 -	£6.00
Celeriac	6's	£3.00 -	£3.50
Leeks	4.5kg	£2.00 -	£2.50
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
Sprouts	9kg	£2.00 -	£3.00

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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