



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

April 27, 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

Flower sales fade slightly this week following on from last week's heatwave, as many buyers turn their thoughts to outdoor adventures. Daffodils start the week with fast paced bidding resulting in healthy price returns, falling from grace as the week progresses. The first Stocks of the season create a hubbub on the auction floor with ballistic bidding throughout the week. Sales of Tulips are steady after recent highs, as entries become more diminutive.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets (mixed)	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.70
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.10 -	£0.35
Freesia	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.50
Rose	Stem	£0.15 -	£0.30
Stocks	Bunch	£1.20 -	£1.60
Tulips	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.80

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

Boom! All it takes is a nice dose of sunshine and the auction halls are rammed to the gills with frenzied buyers looking to restock shelves and stalls after last weekend's bumper sales bonanza. Basket and bedding sales take off early in the week, with Zonal Geranium, Non Stop and "Illumination" trailing Begonia the stars of the show. Lavenders attract interest from all corners of the halls, with French and English varieties battling to be "top of the crop". The warmer weather beckons the "grow your own" brigade into action, helping vegetable plant sales to grow. Shaped Buxus balls, cones and pyramids of all size are devoured by voracious bidders.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.40 -	£0.80
Buxus Ball	Each	£7.50 -	£30.00
Cineraria Senetti	2 Ltr	£1.50 -	£1.90
Clematis	2 Ltr	£1.50 -	£2.00
Dicentra	2 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.80
Geranium Zonal	13cm	£0.70 -	£1.40
Lavender	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.40
Pieris	1 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.50
Rhododendron	7½ Ltr	£4.00 -	£6.00
Tomato plants	10cm	£0.25 -	£0.50

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

As we approach the end of April, the weather plays heavy in the minds of the discerning market traders and greengrocers in attendance, as they are unsure if it is going to be a wet weekend or not. During the week we see the seasonal debut of two new lines, in the form of local bunched Asparagus and greenhouse grown new season "Swift" Potatoes. Both lines receive a host of interest from eager buyers ready to bid with abandon. Demand for old season ware Potatoes is virtual non-existent.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asparagus	227g	£1.50 -	£1.80
Cabbage - Duncan	14's	£4.00 -	£5.00
Carrots Dirty	20kg	£5.00 -	£7.00
Cauliflower	6's	£2.00 -	£4.00
Celeriac	6's	£2.80 -	£3.20
Leeks	4.5kg	£2.50 -	£3.50
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£1.80
Potatoes	25kg	£2.00 -	£3.00
Potatoes - New Season	1kg	£3.00 -	£3.30
Rhubarb	9kg	£8.00 -	£10.00

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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