



# MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING May 4, 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 remain steady with buyers waiting for new season lines to spring into action. Volumes of Daffodils begin to fade as we draw ever closer to the end of the season, helping to clear all entries daily. English Stocks entries are still very light, inclining buyers into bidding battles to secure a share of the spoils. Bunched Bouquets provide a welcome splash of spring colour for discerning buyers. Warmer weather on the Continent helps to bring on more product, helping prices to ease back.

**POT & GARDEN PLANTS**

As times moves from rain sodden April to marvellous May, attendances increase with the halls full of avid bidders jostling for space. Bedding pack plant sales move up a gear with any varieties showing colour flying off the shelves. Petunias and Impatiens are two varieties attracting a host of interest. Zonal Geraniums show no sign of falling from favour with a frenzy of bids for all entries this week. With hanging basket entries on the slim side we see ballistic bidding for all well presented selections. Tomato and Vegetables plant sales grow stronger as the temperatures climb.

**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**

The variable weather plays heavy in the minds of both the buyers and vendors, with the buyers hoping for a warm Bank holiday weekend to encourage people to come out and buy but the vendors wishing for a cooler weekend, to slow the growth of their crops. Last weeks stars of the show "Swift" new Potatoes are joined by samples of both "Casablanca" and "Maris Bard". Crispy, crunchy bunched Carrots make their seasonal debut and are welcomed by a host of bids, as discerning greengrocers and market traders look for a healthy option to sell. Growers are reminded to label their produce in accordance with DEFRA regulations, as their representative makes frequent visits to the auction.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Bouquets (mixed)	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Carnations Spray	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.60
Chrysanthus Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.00
Daffodils Outdoor	Bunch	£0.15 -	£0.30
Freesia	Bunch	£1.50 -	£2.50
Rose	Stem	£0.15 -	£0.30
Stocks	Bunch	£1.20 -	£1.60
Tulips	Bunch	£0.40 -	£0.60

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.40 -	£0.80
Bedding (Six pack)	Each	£0.10 -	£0.25
Buxus Ball	Each	£7.50 -	£30.00
Cineraria Senetti	2 Ltr	£1.50 -	£1.90
Dicentra	2 Ltr	£1.00 -	£1.80
Geranium Zonal	13cm	£0.90 -	£1.40
Hanging baskets	Each	£5.00 -	£9.50
Hosta	13cm	£1.00 -	£1.50
Rhododendron	7½ Ltr	£4.00 -	£6.00
Tomato plants	10cm	£0.25 -	£0.50

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	£1.80 -	£3.30
Celeriac	6's	£2.80 -	£3.20
Leeks	4.5kg	£2.50 -	£3.50
Onion 60/80	10kg	£1.50 -	£1.80
Potatoes	25kg	£1.50 -	£2.50
Potatoes - New Season	1kg	£2.80 -	£3.00
Rhubarb	9kg	£4.00 -	£6.00

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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