



MARKET REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING

August 31, 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 slightly cooler prevailing weather pattern enveloping Great Britain provides a boost for all things floral. With continental prices disappearing up into oblivion, local growers are able to make hay, with a full house of avid bidders on both days this week. Delectable dainty Dahlias are top of the crops, with ballistic bidding played out amongst a multitude of buyers, all desperate to secure their share of colour. Aster returns are especially strong this week, with good prices for average entries and superb prices attained by premier samples. Despite local spray Chrysanthemums being shorter in length and lighter in weight than the Dutch entries, buyers queue up to bid for all home grown selections.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Asters	Bunch	£0.50	£1.10
Chrysanth Spray Dutch	Bunch	£1.80	£2.50
Chrysanth Spray Local	Bunch	£0.80	£1.10
Dahlia	Bunch	£0.70	£0.90
Freesia	Stem	£0.15	£0.22
Gladioli	Bunch	£0.70	£0.80
Iris	Bunch	£0.35	£0.50
Stative	Bunch	£0.50	£1.10
Sunflower	Bunch	£0.60	£1.10

POT & GARDEN PLANTS

A low entry of plants post-bank holiday weekend combine with a surging demand to keep the auctioneer's gavel at full throttle. Miniature Patio Cyclamen volumes are high, giving the buyers a nice selection to get their teeth into and their bidding arms into the air, resulting in healthy returns for all quality entries. Ball shaped Buxus Sempervirens invite bids from all corners of the auction halls. Calluna Heathers and mixed hardy patio plants attract a host of bids from the basket and tub manufacturers in attendance. Although brightly coloured perennial plants near the end of their summer flowering flush, Coreopsis and Scabious continue to inspire buyers to bid with abandon. Top quality Laurels clear with ease.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Buxus (Ball shaped)	Each	£10.00	£14.00
Calluna	9cm	£0.45	£0.65
Campanula	13cm	£0.70	£0.80
Coreopsis	13cm	£0.80	£1.00
Dianthus	10cm	£0.50	£0.60
Dracaena Marginata	3 foot	£3.50	£4.00
Echinacea	13cm	£1.00	£1.30
Fatsia Aralia	13cm	£1.00	£1.40
Hardy Patio Mixture	9cm	£0.50	£0.60
Hebe	2 Ltr	£2.00	£2.20
Heuchera	2 Ltr	£1.00	£1.50
Laurel	7½Ltr	£6.00	£7.00
Lavender	13cm	£0.50	£1.00
New Guinea Impatiens	13cm	£0.60	£1.00
Pansy (Pot)	10cm	£0.17	£0.25
Patio Cyclamen	10cm	£0.55	£0.85
Scabious	13cm	£1.10	£1.20
Shrubs Mxd Liners	13cm	£1.00	£1.20

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Despite a shortened week, due to the last Bank Holiday before Christmas, the brisk trade continues in a positive way. Limited supplies of both snow white Cauliflower and new season Potatoes jostle for top spot in discerning greengrocers and market traders wish lists. Best quality Cauliflower takes top spot on Thursday, with the only sample on offer making a pound a head. Tomatoes also have buyers queuing up to secure a small offering of the reduced amount on show. Late season Red Beet and Spring Onions continue to reap good returns as do a consistent supply of Victoria Plums.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carrots	Bunch	£0.30	£0.50
Cauliflower	6's	£3.00	£6.00
Cucumbers	Each	£0.30	£0.50
Lettuce	12's	£1.50	£2.00
Marrows	Each	£0.20	£0.40
Potatoes - New Season	25kg	£6.00	£11.00
Red Beet	Bunch	£0.20	£0.40
Runner Beans	1kg	£1.00	£1.80
Tomatoes	5.4kg	£2.50	£3.50
Victoria Plum	1kg	£1.20	£1.50

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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