



# SPALDING AUCTION

**SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE HORTICULTURAL AND FLORIST TRADE**

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# Market Report

**FOR WEEK ENDING: 20/3/2020**

**Prices Shown - Average to Top Quality**

## Pot & Garden Plants

The market this week bears a resemblance to the stock market, with volatility hanging heavy in the air. Prices bounce up and down wildly, with some plant varieties realising double their market value one moment, only to struggle to reach half their value fifteen minutes later. Best quality Primroses seem to meet a steady market, with prices staying above twenty pence per pot throughout the week. Vegetable planting selections come to the fore, with mixed Herbs and Tomatoes in particular, highly fought over. Buxus balls and pyramids sell well on Monday, due to their extended shelf lives. As Thursday arrives, the Coronavirus malaise really takes hold, with only the bravest of bargain hunters to be seen.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Basket plant Plugs	Each	£0.20	- £0.26
Buxus Ball	Large	£10.00	- £20.00
Hosta	1L	£1.20	- £1.40
Hyacinth (potted)	3's	£0.50	- £0.60
Laurel	2Ltr	£2.00	- £3.00
Magnolia	5ltr	£7.00	- £7.50
Pansy (potted)	9cm	£0.15	- £0.25
Peonia	3Ltr	£1.50	- £2.50
Phalaenopsis	13cm	£2.00	- £3.00
Pieris	13cm	£1.00	- £1.50
Primrose	10cm	£0.20	- £0.50
Pre-pack Roses	Each	£1.00	- £1.10
Ranunculus	10cm	£0.30	- £0.60
Surfinia	10cm	£0.50	- £0.60
Tete-a-Tete	9cm	£0.25	- £0.35
Herbs Mixed	1Ltr	£0.80	- £1.00
Rhubarb (potted)	2Ltr	£1.80	- £2.00
Tomato Plants	10cm	£0.30	- £0.35

## Cut Flowers

The week starts well, with buyers keen to stock up for the weekend. Sales begin to tumble by midweek due to reports of flowers being diverted away from Spain and Italy, resulting in an unimaginable oversupply. Media video footage of container loads being dumped only fuels the drop in demand. Local Daffodils and Tulips both perform well on Monday, running out of breath as we reach Wednesday, finishing with a whimper on Thursday.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Carnations – Bloom	Bunch	£0.80	- £1.20
Carnations – Spray	Bunch	£0.70	- £0.80
Chrysanth – Spray - Dutch	Bunch	£2.50	- £3.00
Daffodils (outdoor)	Bunch	£0.20	- £0.46
Freesia	Bunch	£2.00	- £2.50
Hyacinth Bouquet	Bunch	£0.60	- £1.00
Narcissus Scented (Indoor)	Bunch	£0.50	- £0.80
Roses	Bunch	£1.00	- £1.50
Tulips	Bunch	£0.50	- £0.80

## Fruit & Vegetables

Our wonderful growers do their utmost to keep us supplied with the best of British produce, despite the uncertainty hanging in the air. Desperate buyers compete with endless commission bids on the books in an attempt to fulfil their orders. All produce lines clear daily, with stratospheric prices, as bids rain down upon the auctioneers' podium from all corners of the auction halls. Cauliflowers, Cabbages, Sprouting Broccoli and Leeks all see price returns rocket. Potato and Onion pallets are picked clean despite a larger than usual entry.

Description	Per:	Average	Best
Beetroot	5kg	£1.00	- £2.00
Cabbage – January King	6's	£2.00	- £2.80
Cabbage – Red	8's	£2.00	- £2.50
Cabbage – Savoy	6's	£2.30	- £3.00
Carrots	6kg	£1.50	- £2.00
Cauliflowers	6's	£2.50	- £7.00
Celeriac	6's	£4.00	- £4.50
Leeks	4.5kg	£3.50	- £4.00
Onion 60/80	6kg	£1.30	- £2.00
Potatoes	25kg	£5.00	- £10.00
Rhubarb	1kg	£2.00	- £2.50
Sprouting Broccoli	4.5kg	£5.00	- £18.00

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**Auction opening hours: 7.30 – 4.30 Monday to Friday**

**Office hours: 9.00 – 5.00 Monday to Friday**

**Sales are held as follows**

**Fruit & Vegetables: Monday and Thursday 11.30am Wednesday 11am**

**Flowers and Plants: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 12.30pm**

## **SEED POTATO, ONION SETS & RHUBARB**

Remaining stocks are depleted. Please place your orders soon or you may be disappointed.

We also have a stock of Wooden barrels, Ornate garden stonework  
and Hanging basket/wreath moss.

**Please contact Claire Pearson or John Dunham on 01775 723333**

## **HORTICULTURAL SUPPLIES**

Pots, tubs, planters, bowls and troughs in  
different colours and sizes.

Hanging baskets and pots

Garden Tools

Bark chipping

Sleeves, wraps and packing materials

Plus, our usual comprehensive range of  
Compost, Peat, Fertilisers and Clothing.

**All at very reasonable prices**

**We are open Monday to Friday 7.30am  
to 4.30pm.**

**For full details contact  
Adrian Glover (Curly) or Helen Buffham  
on (01775) 724444**

**Email:  
horticultural@spaldingauction.co.uk**

## **SPALDING FLORIST INNOVATIONS**

**NEW SPRING STOCK ARRIVING DAILY**

**Normal opening hours:**

**Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.**

**Please note we reopen on Saturdays on  
March 14<sup>th</sup> (between 9am and 1pm).**

**Our staff are always happy to assist.**

**For further information contact Jackie,  
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