



# Market Report

**FOR WEEK ENDING 26/4/24**

**Prices Shown - Average to Top Quality**

## Plants and Seasonal Goods

A challenging week for plant sales, with the chatter all centred around Arctic blasts and hard frosts. The highlights this week are, Zonal Geraniums, Non Stop Begonias and Dahlias, as well as a bumper Fuchsia basket assortment. The lowlights are, potted garden Roses and basket plant mixtures. In between we also feature: Lavender selling in decent volumes in various size pots; Osteospermums also move at fair prices, as well as Rhododendrons of all shapes and sizes. Pack bedding sales seem resistant to the cold, with buyers seeking out Impatiens, Geraniums and French Marigolds. Vegetable plant sales see prices ease, although all quality entries clear.

Description	Per:	Average		Best
Alpine Mix	10cm	£0.70	-	£0.90
Aubretia	13cm	£1.20	-	£1.60
Basket Plants	10cm	£0.50	-	£2.00
Bellis	10cm	£0.35	-	£0.45
Bedding (6pack)	Pack	£0.70	-	£2.00
Begonia Non Stop	10cm	£0.70	-	£0.90
Buxus Ball	Each	£6.25	-	£15.00
Cineraria Senetti	Each	£1.75	-	£2.75
Dahlia	1ltr	£1.00	-	£1.50
Fuchsia	10cm	£0.65	-	£0.90
Fuchsia Baskets Large	Each	£8.00	-	£11.00
Geranium Zonal	10cm	£1.00	-	£1.50
Hydrangea	3ltr	£4.50	-	£7.50
Lavender	1Ltr	£1.50	-	£2.00
Osteospermums	10cm	£1.00	-	£1.30
Pansy Six Pack	Pack	£0.80	-	£1.20
Primula Viallii	13cm	£1.50	-	£1.80
Rhododendron	7½ltr	£7.00	-	£10.00
Salvia	13cm	£1.20	-	£2.20
Shrubs (assorted)	1ltr	£3.00	-	£4.00
Strawberry Plants	9cm	£0.60	-	£0.90
Sweet Pea	9cm	£0.50	-	£0.60
Tomato Plant	9cm	£0.30	-	£0.70

## Cut Flowers

Flower entries are limited as we await new season varieties to come online. Volumes of Sweet Williams remain light, helping to keep price returns on the healthy side. Demand for English Irises is buzzing as dazzled buyers battle for their favourite shade of blue. A "weak Wednesday" sandwiched between two strong days on Monday and Thursday describe the Tulip trade perfectly. Despite a thin entry of limited imported product coming onto the market, price returns are flimsy.

Description	Per:	Average		Best
Alstroemeria	Bunch	£1.20	-	£1.50
Bouquets	Bunch	£2.00	-	£3.25
Iris Blue Magic	Bunch	£0.50	-	£0.80
Pinks	Bunch	£0.30	-	£0.40
Pussy Willow	Bunch	£0.90	-	£1.20
Sweet Williams	Bunch	£1.00	-	£1.20
Tulips	Bunch	£1.00	-	£1.30

## Fruit & Vegetables

As old Potatoes come to end of their season prices continue upwards. Sprouting broccoli in short supply reaps the rewards. The current cold snap affects the amounts of Asparagus on offer. Boxed Apples, Oranges and Butternut Squash represent the more exotic lines on offer.

Description	Per:	Average		Best
Apples	Box	£10.40	-	£12.10
Asparagus	Bunch 230g	£2.40	-	£2.40
Butternut Squash	Tray	£4.50	-	£5.00
Carrots	Bunch	£1.30	-	£1.30
New Potatoes	1lb	£1.40	-	£1.80
Potatoes	25kg	£7.90	-	£13.30
Red Beet	Bunch	£1.00	-	£1.00
Spring Cabbage	Box	£5.80	-	£10.00
Spouting Broccoli	15lb	£21.20	-	£22.00
Tomatoes	Punnet	£0.80	-	£0.80

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