



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



Five adorable baby robins in a 0.5 litre pot...

One of the many delights of working at our nursery is the discovery of wildlife co-existing with us in such a busy area. Fortunately I was able to harvest sufficient [H. 'Tango'](#) for Hampton Court, without disturbing the little lovelies. We have to routinely move plants bound for shows around to deter nest building, but we cannot move everything!

As David and Roy head off to Hampton in the lorry...

I am here penning an earlier than usual newsletter for July before loading the van with all the stand building equipment and following on tomorrow.

This time of year is extremely hectic as we return from Gardeners' World and prepare for the next run of shows, which are all within a week of each other - for us anyway. We were really chuffed to get a Platinum award for our display at Gardeners' World - the judges loved the attention to detail and said it was a "highly professional" display. I hope you like the video, which is slightly longer than usual as I decided to focus in on each plant in turn. This might help make it easier for viewers to identify plants they like rather than referring to a plant list. I will still do one for the end of season review.

Hosta still seem to be enjoying reasonable popularity and we are getting very limited on certain varieties, especially those with red stems - check out our [list of red-stemmed varieties](#) for more choice.

There can be little doubt that the hanging baskets have created a stir with visitors to our displays this year and they have inspired many to consider doing something similar in their gardens. Roy's brilliant stands show the plants off beautifully but it does leave me wondering what to do next, so, as Blackadder said, "best thinking trousers on" for 2019.



Gardeners' World Live 2018

Another great show and a Platinum Award to boot... click on the image to view.



Hanging *Hosta* at Gardeners' World Live 2018

Nursery update

We have been managing to do a lot of essential work around the nursery this season, due in part to reducing our open days - we do hope this has not inconvenienced any of you.

As you might imagine keeping the plants in tip top condition has been a large headache this year with the prolonged dry spell and high temperatures. David has been busy replacing the plastic on the tunnel doors and ends with horticultural netting. This has greatly increased the airflow through the tunnels and, together with the fans, has managed to keep the temperature more manageable. Roy has been continuing with efforts to improve the watering of the plants.

All the plants in the garden are doing well still on what they received in the way of rainfall in the spring, which just goes to prove they can exist on very little when they get their roots down well. Although some of the large/giant varieties are a little stunted, they have all multiplied and given us great encouragement to continue planting this autumn, when time permits.

Hope to catch some of you at Hampton and/or Tatton during July.

Speak soon,

Team Mickfield Hostas

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Tomorrow is our last
scheduled open day
at the nursery for
2018.

If you would still like to
visit, please
either [email](#) or call
01449 711576
beforehand so we can
arrange a suitable date.



[Hosta 'Winter
Snow'](#) looking great in
my garden despite the
lack of water.