



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



Dear Subscriber

The season is in full swing...

As I write this newsletter the heavens have opened at last over Mickfield, and we are getting a much needed drenching.

Unfortunately, we cannot hide from the weather over the next few days as the final preparations for the [Suffolk Show](#) are being completed. At least it looks like the days of the show will be dry. During the past fortnight we have had several one day events within East Anglia, which have been very enjoyable and we are planning to return to [East Ruston](#) on Saturday 11th June, for their excellent Plant Fair.

Our biggest event in June is Gardeners' World at the NEC, Birmingham, so we will be getting down to preparations for this as soon as we finish at the Suffolk Show on Thursday.

Remember to let us know if you have any specific plants you would like us to bring as a pre-order before **Friday 10th June**.

At the nursery

Our tunnel reorganisation has proved successful so far with visitors appreciating the improved navigation.

The last two warm winters have allowed the snail population to surge unchecked, so remember to re-apply your pellets if they are getting damp in the jars. We have suffered more damage than usual this year, especially round the nursery where we cannot always see the early signs of attack.

Mail order

Over recent weeks Yvonne and Roy have been fielding mail order requests from potential customers worried about exactly what they will receive when they order from us. It is a shame the rogue traders are giving mail order a bad name by sending out sub-standard goods. We do take pains to point out that we do not sell wimpy little plugs. Indeed, we sometimes struggle to wrestle some of our giant varieties into boxes for mail order as the leaves become very large.

All we can say is that we sell exactly the same plants from the nursery that we do at flower shows, plant sales and for mail order. We always select the best, and if a plant is not doing as well as we would like, we



Gold at Malvern...

What a lovely surprise to achieve a Gold at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival. [Click on the image to view the video.](#)



It's not all work...

Occasionally we get the chance to see something of the area around the shows. The weather was so lovely at Malvern that we ended up walking in the hills behind the show ground.

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The Three Counties Showground from the Malvern Hills

will let you know so you can select an alternative, or wait until we have new stock.

This is the main reason we do not sell directly through the Internet, preferring to give the customer's needs preference over volume sales.

[Watch this space for a video clip on the subject in the near future.](#)

In the meantime, we hope you are enjoying your growing season and we hope to see lots of you over the coming weeks, both at the nursery and on the road.

[Team Mickfield](#)



The view towards Wales from the Worcestershire Beacon.



Pathways criss-crossing the Malvern Hills

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