



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



Dear subscriber

Half way through the calendar year and things are hot, hot, hot...

The lovely weather is creating a lot of extra work for us at the moment as we try to keep up with the demands of watering. Trying to keep the plants from getting frazzled by the intense heat in the poly tunnels is tricky. Strangely a lot of the large and giant varieties, currently sitting out in the blazing sun, are doing well. Many are not as richly coloured as you would expect, as the sun bleaches the leaves, but they are coping remarkably well.

We have had a number of enquiries concerning plants looking smaller than expected this year. This is largely due to the lack of rainfall. Dry conditions effectively stunts growth, so don't worry if your hostas are not as large or vigorous as usual, water them well periodically and they should respond.

Malvern Spring Festival

It was great to see so many regular customers at Malvern recently, what a great show we had and very much like the show used to be. A reorganisation of the showground and return to a single span, long marquee was very welcome. David and Mel managed to get out for a walk in the hills, during judging on the Wednesday afternoon. At one point they were above the hang gliders, looking down on the showground and have included a video of the view in the side column, together with a tour of the display, which was awarded a Gold Medal.

Suffolk Show

Our [local agricultural show](#) is where we are, as this newsletter goes out, and we will be at East Ruston on June 10th, immediately before going to Gardeners' World. If you have never been to Alan Gray's fabulous gardens at the Old Vicarage, why not come along to the Plant Fair and take a tour of the gardens to make a complete day of it - [visit the website](#)

Shows update

Gardeners' World Live: don't forget to let us know of any pre-orders by Friday 9th June, so we can bring them along with us. [Visit the show website](#)



Malvern Spring Festival

Click on the image above to take a tour of our latest educational display. A full list of the varieties we used in the display [is available here](#)



Up, Up and Away

We thought you might enjoy the views from the Malvern Hills. Click on the image to view the short video.

P&P outside the UK

We have had to review our postage charges for parcels sent out to Europe as this has been costing us dearly recently. From today:

Orders up to £50, p&p =£10.

Orders over £50, p&p =£20.

If you would like to track your parcel, please add another £5.

We hope these changes will not discourage customers

Finally for now...

As the weather has warmed up again, check your pellet jars and re-treat if necessary. Although it has been dry, the snail population is still high following so many mild winters.

Hope to see you soon,

Team Mickfield

from ordering. We will still be subsidising the cost of postage and packaging as a form of discount, but we couldn't continue to keep pace with the costs we are facing.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch in the usual way.

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