



FIELD GATE FLOWERS
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Hello October!



I promise not to mention the 'C' word just yet but at Field Gate we *are* getting ready for wreath-making season. In fact, we've been cutting and drying flowers since mid-summer to use in our wreaths and table decorations over winter. It's the flower farmer's version of putting produce into store for the cold season. There's more information and the link to buy our ever-popular wreath-making kits below and this year we're giving you the option to buy a ready-made wreath, created by Field Gate florists from blooms and foliage gathered on our plot.

October for me will include: Kicking off our propagation course *Roots to Shoots*, which begins on Monday... Receiving a large delivery of bulbs from Holland (I'm really hoping they phone ahead!) and packaging them up for delivery to those of you who have placed orders... Making final revisions to my 2026 Cut Flower Planner and sending it to print... Moving tender plants under cover (the peach tree and Agapanthus have already been moved from the Mediterranean garden

and are poised outside the polytunnel in readiness for frost... And if temperatures do drop below freezing before the end of the month, the team are ready to put 'Operation Dahlias Cover Up' into action.

It will be a month of changeover, preparing for next season and digging out the gloves and scarves.

Roz

ROOTS TO SHOOTS: BEGINS ON MONDAY



ROOTS TO SHOOTS

Plant propagation skills for cut flowers and foliage

- 6 month online course
- Over 40 modules
- access to course materials until Dec 2027
- Revised course for 25/26

We've officially closed registration for our 8-month online propagation course [Roots to Shoots](#). However, I know that we have a few people who for various reasons haven't been able to sign up but are still keen. If that's you and you're ready to begin on Monday, please contact Roz to talk through registration and payment terms.

Spanning 6 months and over 40 modules, this is a fully revised version of our previous autumn/winter propagation course. With new video tutorials and PDFs to support your learning, you'll acquire skills that you can use straight away and bank ones to take forward.

Here's a taster of what's in store for this year's students.

THE CUT FLOWER PODCAST: CREATING STUNNING COMBINATIONS WITH JAMIE BUTTERWORTH



Some of you will already be familiar with plantsman and TV [Jamie Butterworth](#), who can now add 'author' to his CV with the release of his new book '[What Grows Together](#)'.

Tune into this week's podcast to hear Jamie's conversation with Roz in which they talk about his life in plants, how to easily create magnificent borders, and of course his new book. Jamie describes himself as 'The Jamie Oliver of Gardening', referring to JO's '5 ingredients' book, keeping things simple. His aim is to help gardeners of all levels of experience create magnificent borders by placing plants that go together alongside each other. [Listen here](#) and you can [follow Jamie on Instagram here](#).

[The Cut Flower Podcast archive](#) now has several years of regular episodes, featuring Roz's conversations with growers, florists, photographer, environmentalists, horticulturalists and business mentors, as well as her solo 'Ask Roz' broadcasts.

Subscribe via your chosen Podcast provider (Apple/Google/Spotify etc) and you'll be sent notifications as each new episode arrives.

GROWN & GATHERED: CRAFT YOUR OWN WREATH WITH OUR FLOWERS



By popular demand, our wreath-making-in-a-box kits are back for 225. [Pre-order yours here](#) for delivery at the end of November.

With materials grown and gathered from our Buckinghamshire farm, our wreaths are sustainable and biodegradable. Every kit will be slightly different and unique, with fresh and dried ingredients picked from the farm and preserved in limited quantities. This summer we hand-picked a range of flowers and foliage and hung them to dry on our Victorian airer. Now, they'll be taken down and packed into a hand-selected pack for you to craft into a unique festive door hanging. We love to see people get together as a group of friends, colleagues, a community group or family, so this year we're offering discounts on multiple wreath kit purchases. We're also offering ready-made wreaths, put together by our skilled florists at Field Gate. Select the pre-made option at checkout.

THIS WAY FOR FREE TREES...



Trees are brilliant for people, wildlife and our planet and the International Tree Foundation is on a mission to get us all to plant more of them. Their Garden Tree Giveaway for 2025 opened yesterday – [here are all the details you need to apply.](#)

However small our garden, we can probably fit in a tree – the trees on offer come in various sizes and the website also gives advice on what type and size of tree to plant in the plot you have. Up to two trees per household are available but you may need to be quick, so fill in that form today.

JOBS FOR THE WEEK



Refresh display pots and hanging baskets: Empty old compost into your compost heap to be naturally recycled. Whether for your own pleasure or as a shop window for visiting customers, winter displays can look stunning and are a welcome sight on grey days. Heathers, winter pansies or violas, trailing ivy, huchera and cyclamen are all good plants to try. Have a look on Instagram and Pinterest for inspiration!

Remove stakes and other supports as herbaceous plants die down for the winter.

Go on a pest hunt: disturb the ground and turn over pots and discarded slabs and rocks to expose slug and snail eggs as a tasty snack for birds.

Plant a tree: Or at least, order one. See our piece above and [the link to order free trees](#) to collect at the end of November.

Any questions? Ask me in my Facebook groups:

[The Cut Flower Collection from Field Gate Flowers](#) (for anyone passionate about growing cut flowers) [Growth &](#)

[Profit in your Cut Flower Business](#) (for flower farmers or those about to embark on a cut flower business)

Membership groups:

The Best Bunch

Growth Club.

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