

Bristol East Allotments Association



*Over 35 varieties of seed potatoes
available plus a range of top
quality onion and shallot sets.
Take a look inside!*

Shop open every Saturday & Sunday
9.00am to 12.30pm.

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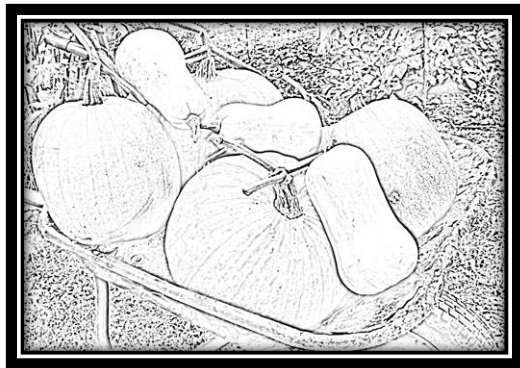
Pumpkin Challenge

Can you grow the heaviest Pumpkin?

Hallowe'en may seem a long way off right now, but growing your own pumpkin display for the ghostly night is great fun, particularly if they are large. You'll amaze your neighbours and the kids will be thrilled, they just love watching them grow, especially as they start to get huge!

Just before Hallowe'en we'll have a pumpkin show that you can enter your achievements, there may even be a small prize!

There are several varieties that you'll find in our shop, but if you want to grow the biggest, Atlantic Giant is the one to choose. Given the right conditions these can grow enormous, our best so far is a mere 30kg, can you do better?



New Product

Thermal Net

Thermal Net is a translucent close woven net that creates an insulated environment and provides protection to crops from direct sunlight, wind, heavy rain and birds. And whilst providing this shelter, it maintains air passage throughout.

Very lightweight it can be laid directly over plants for protection and over seed trays to aid germination, or it makes superb tunnels directly on the ground or over raised beds.

Thermal Net is woven from a blend of flat tape and mono filament high-density polyethylene (HDPE), it offers 86% light passage and can be washed and re-used again and again.

Both sides of the net are finished to prevent fraying.

Mesh size approx 2 x 3mm, approx 38g per square metre.

Provides 14% shade value. Used with care, life approx 5 years.

HDPE is non-biodegradable but it can be recycled.



Thermal Net 2m wide

£2.00 per metre

Clips 90p each.

Our 2018 Potato Sale

Our sale offers possibly the most extensive choice across all varieties of seed potatoes in the Bristol area.

All varieties
£1.70 per kilo

We have selected those which have proved both popular and successful over recent years with one or two new introductions. Here are a few notes...

Colleen (Organic) has been chosen this year because of its good resistance to pest and potato blight. We'll be pleased to receive your feedback.

Unfortunately due to a crop failure, our Scottish seed supplier has withdrawn Home Guard (first early). As replacement we have added Jazzy to our list. A relatively new variety, Jazzy has proved highly successful with some of our plot holders, producing high yields of small, delicious potatoes. Let us know what you think.

First Early	
Variety	Description
Arron Pilot	Very early traditional potato, bred on the Isle of Arran and the most popular variety in the UK in the 1930s. Excellent yield and flavour.
Colleen - Organic	Has a good resistance to potato blight so is good to grow organically. Excellent all-rounder with light yellow skin and yellow flesh. Good pest resistance.
Foremost	Remains popular as a new potato with slightly waxy, firm white flesh and an excellent flavour.
Jazzy	Lots of tasty small potatoes suitable for steaming, boiling, crushing and even roasting. 2013 Award of Garden Merit by the RHS.
Lady Christl	Very early salad type with high yields, good taste and nice bright skin finish. Grown commercially in Cornwall and Pembrokeshire.
Maris Bard	First early variety that bulks early. It is high yielding and has high potato numbers.
Pentland Javelin	First early variety with good eelworm (golden) resistance. Very bright with a mild flavour.
Rocket	Recent variety, throws a large number of round whole potatoes. Early variety with good disease resistance.
Sharpes Express	Great tasting variety bred in Lincolnshire in 1901. This first early has a bright white flesh with a smooth skin. A favourite of gardener Percy Thrower.
Swift	Exceptionally early variety which produces lots of small round potatoes. It has partial resistance to both golden and white eelworm.
Winston	An early variety that produces large potatoes and has very good drought resistance.

Second Early	
Variety	Description
Estima	Very popular variety with farmers. Large yields with early bulking properties and good drought resistance.
Kestrel	Attractive whole skins with purple eyes. Makes excellent chips and roast potatoes. Good resistance to blackleg and slug damage.
Marfona	Very popular with farmers due to its ability to produce baking potatoes very early. Good bright skin finish and a nice flavour.
Maris Peer	Popular second early potatoes with a very good flavour. Are good as salad potatoes. Plant produces large clusters of pretty purple flowers.
Nadine	Exceptionally high yielding variety with bright white skins and a good entry for the show bench.
Vivaldi – Albert Bartlett	Very versatile second early, with a unique texture. Vivaldi has a sweet taste, making them an ideal baked potato without any added butter! A healthy choice, Vivaldi is perfect for mashing, steaming or baking. Award winner.
Wilja	A high yielding variety with a russeted skin. Will grow successfully in any type of soil and makes very nice tasting mash, baked and boiled potatoes.

Salad	
Variety	Description
Anya – Albert Bartlett	A salad with a distinctive flavour. Unique in the UK potato market. Anya has a distinctive chestnut and hazelnut flavour with a firm texture and knobbly appearance. Award winner.
Charlotte	A must have in the garden for an early salad potato crop. Very attractive long potato with an unbeatable creamy flavour straight from the garden to the pot!
International Kidney	Exceptionally good eating salad potato straight from the garden.
Nicola	High yielding salad crop with a bright yellow flesh. Makes a very tasty salad potato with a waxy texture.
Pink Fir Apple	Popular in Victorian kitchen gardens this knobbly salad potato has an unrivalled nutty flavour. Cooking with the skin on will retain its pink skin colour.

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Tomato Grow Bags

John Innes Compost

Growmore Fertilizer

Pea Net

Insect & Bird Net

Plastic Ground Cover

New This Year

Locally grown plants – stock will change weekly.

Call in and check what we have.

Main Crop	
Variety	Description
Cara	Big-yielding variety with an attractive skin. Good resistance to blight and is good for long term storing. lenty of size and is a good one to grow for a baker crop.
Carolus	Fully blight resistant variety that has an attractive appearance. It is ideal for growing in an organic plot. It has a good level of dry matter making tasty roast potatoes and fluffy mash potatoes
Desiree	The most popular red-skinned variety in the UK giving great crops of large potatoes. Regularly seen on TV being used by celebrity chefs. A good culinary potato which boils well and has a delicious smooth texture
King Edward	A well-known favourite in the potato world. Attractive white skins with bright splashes of red. Makes the ideal roasts and baked potatoes but is also good boiled with a strong, aromatic flavour.
Kingsman	Kingsman is brand new for 2017. It produces big, bold, uniform tubers. It has good disease resistance including golden potato cyst nematode. These potatoes make great home-style chips.
Majestic	A very popular variety in war-time Britain. It produces lots of potatoes with plenty of size.
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Main Crop - continued	
Maris Piper	Probably the best known potato in Britain and one of the most versatile with an attractive plant with purple flowers. The potatoes taste great as chips, mash, roasts or simply boiled.
Mozart	Attractive red skin with yellow eyes and flesh. High-yielding crop with good disease resistance makes ideal mash, roasts and wedges.
Pentland Crown	Bred near to the Pentland hills outside Edinburgh this variety produces large crops of bold potatoes. It has a good resistance to scab which can be unsightly on the potato skins.
Picasso	Bred from Cara but reaches maturity up to 3 weeks earlier. Great tasting variety with good disease resistance. Makes nice roasts and mash.
Rooster – Albert Bartlett	Rooster potatoes have a deep red skin and shallow eyes. The flesh has a lovely smooth texture and it tastes as good as it looks. TV campaigns featuring Marcia Cross and Jesse Metcalfe have helped make Rooster an extremely popular main crop. A unique all-rounder. Award winner.

Onions & Shallots

£3.70 per kilo

For spring planting.

Our recommendation is that onion sets should not be planted before the spring equinox, planting too early could result in the onion setting flower rather than developing a bulb.

Shallot Red Sun	Produces round shallots with strong, red/brown coloured skin. Can be grown on any soil type. Short-term storage.
Shallot Golden Gourmet	Produces round shallots with strong, golden skin. Grow on any soil type. Short-term storage.
Onion Red Baron	Produces round to flat onions with an average neck, strong skin and a deep red to purple colour. Grow on any soil type. Stores well.
Onion Sturon	Very strong bronze skin producing round/dome-shaped onions with an average neck. Stores well.
Onion Stuttgarter	Beautiful round shape and once fully grown is a strong, flat onion with yellow skin. Stores well.
Onion Turbo	Produces round/domed onions with an average neck and a strong, bronze coloured skin. Stores well.

Store onion or shallots sets before planting in a dry, frost free environment. Harvested onions should be stored in a cool, dry, well-ventilated space out of direct sunlight. A frost free garage or unheated room in the house is ideal. Do not store in plastic bags.

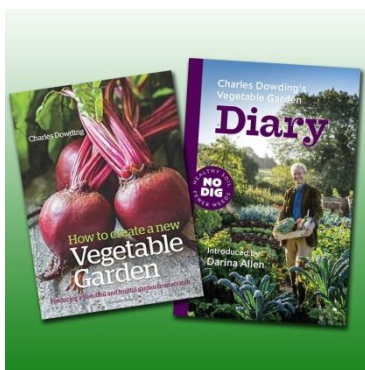
Charles Dowding

No Dig Gardening Books

The concept of No-Dig Gardening may sound unrealistic. But in fact the comparisons of identical, dig versus no-dig crops grown alongside each other, the yield and quality of no dig crops are usually equal to or in most cases higher than dig, for less work.

Charles Dowding has written several books on the subject, his articles are frequently published in national newspapers, magazines and the methods he uses have also been featured on BBC Gardeners' World.

He also speaks extensively at garden events across the UK and Europe. The one and two-day courses that he runs from his garden in Somerset, are always fully booked well in advance. Quite a testament we think, to the value his books offer.



Two titles of Charles' books are available to browse in our Shop. If you are still not sure, search for Charles Dowding on You Tube, his fascinating videos on a range of subjects are widely viewed. Spend a few minutes watching them; afterwards we think you may agree that his books are essential reading for any gardener.

Forthcoming Events 2018

Children's Easter Bunny Trail.

Saturday 31st March at St. Aidan's Allotment Garden.

Annual Show at St. Aidan's Allotments.

Sunday 19th August. Pick the best from your allotment and enter our Show. Wide variety of classes to enter for everyone including children. Whether you are a novice or seasoned grower you are welcome to compete and if you've never exhibited at a Show before, this is a great place to start. But be wary, you may just get hooked and be inspired for greater things!

Pumpkin Show

Hallowe'en Saturday 27th October.

Who has grown the biggest, most attractive or the weirdest pumpkins and squashes this year? Enter yours we want as many as possible on show. Bring your children in fancy dress or Hallowe'en costume as a treat for the spooky night to come!



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