

Would you consider becoming a volunteer?

"there's so much more to help with than just gardening. I'm often doing maintenance jobs around the garden, shop and café"

garden volunteer days are
Wednesday and Saturday

contact enquiries@thewalledgardenshop.co.uk



Thank you for all you support buying our plants...every penny goes back into making The Walled Garden a wonderful place to be.



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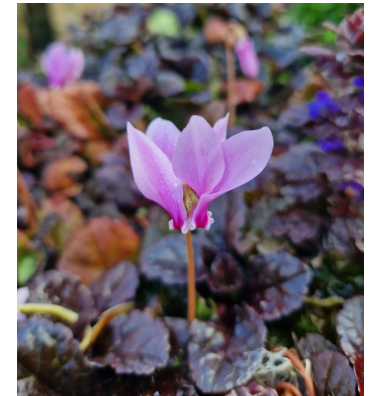


Garden News

Autumn Edition 2023

Autumn bulbs are always a nice surprise. At the Walled Garden we are cutting back perennials as they go past their best and as summer begins to fade up pop little patches of colour.

One of the first hints of autumn are the pretty pink corms of Cyclamen which appear in shady places throughout the garden. They are soon followed by the tiny white bells of Acis otherwise known as autumn snowflake. You will find them in a trough in the alpine bed.



Colchicum and Crocus look very similar at a first glance as both come in purple and mauve shades but Colchicum are related to Lilies whereas Crocus are in the Iris family. In the wild they grow in places like Greece and Turkey so they like a bit of sun to make sure they flower well. We have patches of both dotted about.

Another delightful bulb is the Sternbergia – again, it has a similar look to a Crocus but has lovely golden yellow goblet-shaped flowers. You will find some in terracotta pots at the back of the greenhouse.

Behind the scenes

All gardeners know that behind a beautifully tended garden there's another area that is just as important...
the compost heap!

And because our garden is so large there's an awful lot of work that goes on behind the scenes by our wonderful volunteers.

Everything heading to the compost heap we try and shred first. If we didn't do this we would have mountains of material, and it would all take a very long time to rot down.

So everything goes through the shredder.



When we put the composted material on the garden it helps us: retain water, suppress weeds, acts as a soil improver and it can defend your plants against pests and diseases – keeping them vibrant and healthy!

This year we've been experimenting with putting our takeaway cups into the compost beds to see if they decompose.

A few of our volunteers are very enthusiastic about making good compost, and often prefer working away out the back...so thank you, you're doing a vital job



We have a new greenhouse!

We have a new greenhouse in our garden. This has been kindly donated by 'The Greenhouse Pro'. These are the guys who installed our Victorian Greenhouse last year. Check out why they wanted to do this....

Following the successful supply & installation of a large Victorian greenhouse in the garden, we're thrilled to have expanded our partnership with The Walled Garden Community Shop & Café.

By providing the staff & gardeners with a fully functional off-grid greenhouse, this will enable year-round growth of seasonal produce to be used in the café. We hope our contribution will not only support the café to enhance its offerings, but also promote the ideas of sustainability and self-sufficiency within the local community.

Being an independent family business, we hope this collaboration will be of mutual benefit. For us to promote ourselves and offer our prospective customers a view into our versatile business offering all things Greenhouse and more, and for them to view first-hand the benefits of seeing and experiencing an operational greenhouse. And for the Walled Garden and community to have the help and support from a friendly, local company offering good old-fashioned service, free advice from a forty-year experience in the trade.



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