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## Welcome to the Garden Organic newsletter

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### FREE Activity Sheets

A range of garden-related activities; practical, fun and educational. Produced in association with the Food for Life Partnership (FFLP), they are suitable for schools, community groups and families.

- [See the list of activity downloads](#)
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## Advice & News



### Tidy up and prepare for winter

As the summer heat mellows and plants are dying back, there's tidying up to be done. Remove dead growth and use plant debris to make compost. There is still time to sow certain green manures for winter cover.

[Compost advice](#)> | [Green manures](#)>



### Sowing the seeds

During the summer season we helped thousands of children and adults alike sow their first seeds. One young visitor to our Gardeners' World Live stand shares her sowing success.

[Read on](#)>



### UK Food Security Assessment response

Garden Organic's response to the UK Food Security Assessment by Chief Executive, Myles Bremner and Garden Organic's President Professor Tim Lang.

[Read the statement](#)>



### Garden Organic Group gets Gold!

Shropshire Organic Gardeners won gold and Best in Show at Shrewsbury Flower Show for their garden showcasing organic methods, recycling, composting, etc.

[Find out more in Local Groups news](#)>



### [Jobs in your garden this month](#)

### Membership Offer

**2 months FREE**

Join by annual Direct Debit and enjoy your first 12 months Garden Organic membership for the price of 10.

[Click for details >](#)

## Donate now

No matter how small, every little helps us with our charitable work.

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### Organic Harvest

Two of our long-running events, Apple Day and Pumpkin Day, combine this year to create a fantastic autumnal event on Sunday 4th October

[Event details>](#)



### Join the club!

Allotment group? Gardening club? A gaggle of gardening friends? **Group membership** will make your growing all the more enjoyable.

[Find out more>](#)

## More from Garden Organic



### What to see at Garden Organic Ryton

The gardens are looking verdant and lovely - come and see them for yourself. Take a look at our gallery to see what you can expect when you get here.

[See the gallery>](#)



### Bring Your Bunch for FREE

Three kids go free with every paying adult. Download our money-saving voucher and 'Bring your bunch' to Garden Organic Ryton. Or indulge your senses with our 2-for-1 offer.

[Download money-off vouchers here>](#)



### Wonky Veg!

Following a competition to find Coventry's wonkiest veg, we have set up a gallery to celebrate weird and wonderful home-grown, organic produce.

[Find out more - send us your pics>](#)



### Mad Hatter's Organic Tea Party

A white rabbit, a sleepy doormouse, giant teapots, a fearsome Red Queen and a whole deck of playing cards. It was all happening in the wonderland of Garden Organic Ryton.

[See the gallery>](#)

## What's on...

### Organic Food Fortnight

*5th-20th Sept*

### Herbal Lotions & Potions

*Thursday 10th Sept*

Make skin & bath preparations using easy to grow herbs.

[Course details>](#)

### Preserving your harvest

*Thursday 17th Sept*

Learn how to preserve & store your harvest

[Course details>](#)

### Ryton 'Get in FREE' PLUS Koi Show day

*Sunday 20th Sept*

[More details>](#)

### Planning organic veg garden

*Thursday 24th Sept*

Covering basic organic principles, plot planning/design, soil fertility & crop rotation.

[Course details>](#)

### Grow healthy plants

*Thursday 8th Oct*

Improve the health of your plants using organic methods.

[Course details>](#)

## Fear no Weevil!

**Adult Vine weevils may nibble the leaves of your plants, but it is the larvae that infest, damage and kill the roots.**

A naturally occurring microscopic nematode (*Steinernema kraussei*) will seek out and kill Vine Weevil larvae. Apply outdoors from March to May or from July to October.

Autumn use is often the most effective since the larvae are younger and have not caused significant damage to plants at that time.

*Note: This does not control adult weevils, only the larvae (grubs). Make sure the larvae are present before ordering.*


[See the Organic Gardening Catalogue for prices](#)



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