

## Short Stemmed Asiatic Lilies

Create a stunning display with our vibrant varieties



Free delivery within 14 days

### Exotic Short Stemmed Lily

Our carefully selected range of dwarf Asiatic Lilies grow to just 30-50cm tall. They are sturdy and self-supporting, bursting into a colourful show throughout the summer months, from August through to late September. The colour combination of the blooms are sure to brighten any garden and they are ideal subjects for pots and tubs. 14/16cm bulbs supplied.

Free delivery within 14 days.

- A. 5 Lily Red Carpet £7.99
- B. 5 Lily Lollipop £7.99
- C. 5 Lily Inuvik £7.99
- D. 5 Lily Butter Pixie £7.99
- E. 5 Lily Abbeville's Pride £7.99
- F. 5 Lily Foxtrot £7.99

30 Half Price Short Stemmed Lily Collection £23.97. You will receive five each of A-F.

Call **0843 922 5000** (calls cost 7p/min) (quoting SM33181) or visit [MirrorGardenOffers.co.uk](http://MirrorGardenOffers.co.uk)

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ADDRESS <input type="text"/>	5 X ONE VARIETY		£7.99	£
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DOB <input type="text"/> EMAIL <input type="text"/>	30 SHORT STEMMED LILY COLLECTION (A-F) - HALF PRICE		£23.97	£
TEL NO (for queries only) <input type="text"/>			P&P	FREE
NAME ON CARD <input type="text"/> SIGNATURE <input type="text"/>			TOTAL	£

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# Gardening club

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## Q&A



Is my pup safe with garden fertilisers?

➤ I'VE just got a puppy. Can I still use fertilisers in the garden with him around?  
Michael, Doncaster  
**DAVID:** Most standard fertilisers will recommend you keep pets off the lawn for a period after applying. You can buy pet-friendly fertilisers which they can run over straight away. Or go organic and use seaweed, compost or manure. But be warned - dogs sometimes eat manure if it is not fully rotted. Check instructions prior to purchase and use.



Salting weeds can assault your lawn!

➤ Is it true you can put table salt on weeds to kill them? Hilary, via email  
**DAVID:** It is, but if they are growing in your lawn it will take out a patch of your grass too! Same for your borders. You are better off using a manufactured herbicide from your local garden centre, or good old fashioned weeding by hand.

## TIP of the week

Make a DIY compost scoop by cutting the bottom off a plastic milk carton. Then cut back diagonally on the side with the handle to make a scoop opening. Leave the lid on or the compost will fall out.

## GET IN TOUCH

For loads more hints and tips on gardening visit [daviddomoney.com](http://daviddomoney.com) or follow me on Facebook at @DavidDomoneyTV or on Twitter @daviddomoney

Our great community garden contest is back with loads of prizes up for grabs...



STREETS AHEAD Our David with 2017 winners, Shettleston Community Growing Project

If there is one indication that spring is nearly here, it's the launch of Cultivation Street. I am hugely proud to announce this year's brilliant Sunday Mirror competition in conjunction with our fantastic new sponsor, Calliope Flowers.

“We've got a £20k pot for the best projects, so dig in and show us what you are made of”

If you are involved in a school or community gardening project - or want to start one - there is a total prize pot of £20,500 up for grabs.

Since 2012 we've been rewarding people who make schools, streets and communities brighter and better. Prizes worth tens of thousands of pounds have been won and we've had some incredibly inspirational stories.

Last year saw Shettleston Community Growing Project, in Glasgow.

Volunteers turned toxic waste ground into an allotment for local families - along with a tranquil garden area to be enjoyed by all ages.

Volunteer Kenny McCubbin, 52, said: "We've been able to buy a new potting shed, benches and replace a bunch of old tools. If you are part of a gardening project I'd really recommend entering."

In the schools section, Christ Church Primary in Battersea, South London, came out on top. For 2018, we are again seeking inspirational

schemes, so visit [cultivationstreet.com](http://cultivationstreet.com) today and register. But remember, this is much more than just a competition. Our in-house team offers free material online such as fundraising ideas for your project, how to get publicity, plus charts on growing fruit and veg.

Our new partnership with Calliope Flowers has enabled Cultivation Street to reward winners with vibrant and intensely colourful Calliope® geraniums. And our scheme is linked to 200-plus garden centres where Cultivation Street ambassadors can advise and assist.



See our website to find your nearest ambassador. And if you're a garden centre not on board, contact us to register. This year's categories are:

**Community Gardens**  
First prize - £5,000 + 100 Calliope® Plug Plants  
This award will go to fantastic and



inspiring community gardening projects and people who are making their local area a greener place to live. Our campaign aims to reward passionate, dedicated community gardeners. We're not looking for designer gardens and horticultural skills - we want entries bursting with community spirit.

Four runners-up in the Community Gardens category will each receive £1,000 plus 100 Calliope Plugs.

**School Gardens**  
First prize - £2,500 + 100 Calliope® Plug Plants

This goes to a school that creates an enriching environment for the pupils, enhancing their experience and maximising time spent outdoors learning.

The garden can be edible or ornamental and new or well-established. The winners will be able to demonstrate how their garden aids learning and is a fun and exciting project for kids. This award is open to any school in the UK and Channel Islands.

Second prize in the School Gardens



small area that has been transformed into an inspiring miniature garden. It could be a balcony, allotment patch, holiday caravan plot or even the roof of a narrowboat. We want to see clever use of space and intriguing design.

**Garden Centre Ambassador of the Year**  
First prize - £1,000

This will go to the Garden Centre ambassador who has been the most engaged with a community gardening project. If you work at a garden centre that is not involved already, then talk to them about joining - then you can take part. We want to see passionate ambassadors who have developed new skills and built strong relationships with community projects.

Second prize in the Garden Centre Ambassador category is £500; third prize is £300 and 12 runners-up each receive £100.

**Colour Your Life Category, sponsored by Calliope® Flowers**  
£500 + 100 Calliope® plug plants

This category is specifically for those who create a beautiful display using the bright and beautiful new Calliope Geraniums. They are available in 34 colours and types, including compact, medium, large, landscape and cascade.

Calliope geraniums are non-fading and flower from April until first frost. Follow Cultivation Street on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for free prize draw giveaways of Calliope Geraniums, or go to [calliope.flowers](http://calliope.flowers) for the nearest stockists.

Gardening together has the power to change communities.

We have seen time and again how people from all ages, faiths, economic situations and ethnic backgrounds unite in incredible ways to do something positive in their neighbourhoods.

Often these gardens provide cheap, healthy produce to their community from their harvest. They act as social hubs for local events and gatherings.

They also provide training and skills to those in need.

Some of them are even used for physical and mental rehabilitation after trauma, injury or illness. In many cases they are just a lovely place to go and connect with people over a common interest.

So what are you waiting for?

If you are already part of a project then get in touch. If you have a friend who is involved in one then spread the word. If you would like to start a project yourself then get in touch with Cultivation Street for free advice and support on how to do it.

Go to [cultivationstreet.com](http://cultivationstreet.com) for more details. Terms & conditions apply.

## OFFER of the week

Such a truly exotic hardy evergreen primula with a breathtaking range of flower colours, many being bicolor. Classed as an alpine primula they have attractive, fleshy leaves with protruding flowers up to 20-25cm tall. Each flower stem produces an umbel of up to 30 flowers for a long period from early spring. Hardy 5cm module plants supplied.

You can buy six Primula Auricula for £9.99 or buy 12 for £19.98 and get six FREE.

To order by debit/credit card call 0843 922 5000 quoting SM33184 or send a cheque made payable to MGN SM33184 to Primula Offer (SM33184), PO Box 64, South West District Office, Manchester, M16 9HY or visit [mirrorgardenoffers.co.uk](http://mirrorgardenoffers.co.uk)



## GADGET



THIS isn't strictly a gardening gadget but anything that encourages people to grow and prepare their own mushrooms is fine by me. It's a beautifully-designed brush to remove earth from mushrooms before cooking (they shouldn't be washed because it makes them soggy). So a mushroom brush like this will help you fry them to perfection. It's £6.95 from [souschef.co.uk](http://souschef.co.uk)