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Chainsaw Head

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none of the maintenance costs associated with petrol versions.

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Q&A



Tell me weather or not to cut my grass

Now it's hotter, how often should I mow my lawn?

Will, Muswell Hill, London.

DAVID: From spring to autumn, mow your lawn regularly now that growth has resumed. For the first cut, set the blades higher as the lawn will need to recover from winter, but during summer, mow it to about an inch in length twice a week unless during a prolonged dry spell where a higher trim will hold more moisture in the lawn.



I'm hedging toward flowers in my privet

I need inspiration for a flowering hedge - what should I plant?

Donnie, Middlesbrough

DAVID: To live up green uniform hedging, try roses, *Berberis vulgaris* (common barberry) and *Pyracantha* (firethorn), which make excellent flowering hedges and invite beneficial wildlife. Acid loving camellias are also great for ericaceous soil.

TIP of the week

Create impact with your floral displays by choosing two colours that are opposite one another on the colour wheel.

GET IN TOUCH

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Enjoy time outdoors this summer, but be sure to stick to these basic rules to get the most out of picnics - while ensuring there is no harmful impact

From backyards to beaches, there's always a way to ramp up your daily dose of fresh air while enjoying everything the natural world has to offer.

Dust off your picnic blanket, here are some ideas for making the most of outside time.

GARDENS TO GAZE UPON

Chances are this season you'll be racking up loads of time outside in the garden.

With a space speckled in colour, garden gatherings will already have ornamental decoration in the form of vibrant flowers providing summer scenery - making them the perfect party venue.

Why not try bright and cheery *Tanacetum coccineum* 'Eileen May Robinson', *Delphinium* 'Giotto' with deep blue and violet semi-double flowers, or bicoloured *Pelargonium* 'First Blush' for a splash of colour.

Petals with blue or purple hues have the added benefit of attracting butterflies and bees to help the plants thrive - like *Buddleja* (known as butterfly bush) which will grace your garden with wonderful winged wildlife. As well as flowers delivering a visual

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display, their fragrance can bring a whole new dimension to the enjoyment.

Fill the garden with aromatic shrubs and herbaceous perennials, like *Coronilla valentina*, which shows buttery yellow flowers through spring and summer. It'll create a lovely 'outside room' for entertaining.

BRUSH OFF BUGS

Home or away, you'll need to keep pest-free when you're chowing down on your lunch or dinner outdoors.

If you're out and about, where you can't use an open flame, you can get the same repelling effect as citronella by dotting lemons and limes cut in half around your destined dining spot - a fantastically quick fix.

It's best to avoid using a picnic blanket that's brightly coloured as this will mimic the bold colours insects look for in the natural world when pollinating flowers. Instead, opt for blue and green coloured blankets which don't register as vividly on the UV spectrum.

For dining at home, you're in the perfect place for some wasp-detering flowers. As well as the sight, wasps are attracted to the smell of your flowers



Nurture your nature

GREAT OUTDOORS
Enjoy your garden and go wild in the country, responsibly



BRIGHT Tanacetum



LOVELY Coronilla

for their sweet nectar. Go for varieties such as pennyroyals, geraniums and marigolds which emit a fragrance that wasps can't stand, rendering your revelries wasp-free.

You can keep your sweet drinks away from sugar-seeking wasps by situating cupcake liners on top of the

glass. Cut a hole in the base for the straw to poke through and hey presto - wasp-free sipping awaits!

PACKED AND PREPARED

Outings away from the garden will provide an array of sights you don't see every day. If you're going further afield,

stock your hamper with essentials. As nobody likes sitting on damp grass, one of my tricks is to pack a shower curtain with the blanket as a waterproof underlay if the weather is damp.

Always take a camera or smartphone because it's not advisable to pick wild flowers - or strip beds at

your local stately home - but you can take an image to your garden centre to identify what takes your fancy - or take a book of plant varieties.

NEAT AND TIDY NATURE

When enjoying the great outdoors, it's essential to make sure your time there

doesn't negatively impact the local wildlife. Pick a place to suit your needs.

There's no excuse to start cutting away greenery that might be important to local wildlife.

And remember, waterfowl, wild birds and squirrels might seem interested in your food, but their diet is quite different from ours.

Salty peanuts and crisps are especially dehydrating, and we're advised not to give lots of bread to ducks or swans because it can lead to malnutrition and higher algae levels in water.

Of course, you can reduce your impact by leaving the area tidy, as rubbish left behind can trap or injure local wildlife.

Net bags are particularly dangerous for hedgehogs who get tangled up.

I often pack extra bags to clear up afterwards so I can leave knowing I've left the area as I found it or even better, if like many of you, I find myself clearing bits of other rubbish too.

Summer is all about getting out there and drinking in the sights of your local natural green spaces - whether at home or away.

OFFER of the week

Geranium Rozanne is winner of the RHS Award of Garden Merit and this vigorous variety produces masses of violet-blue, saucer shaped blooms with dainty white centres. It is ideal for ground cover in the border or for planting in pots on the patio.

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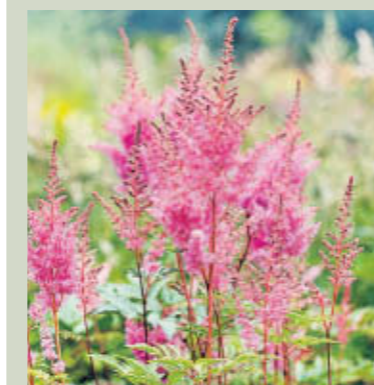


TOP BUY



Mirrors are a creative way of making your garden look bigger - and this gothic arch-inspired example would make a stunning addition. The metal-framed mirror can be used outdoors or indoors and has all-weather backing, plus an intricate design on the glass to deter birds from flying into it. I found it for £70 via shop.nationaltrust.org.uk

Put some



DISPLAY TIME It's not all about food

incredibles among your edibles

School and community gardens are famous for growing all manner of fruit and vegetables, but not all the plants grown on these plots are for eating.

Many save spaces for incredible-looking ornamental flowering plants as an uplifting addition to work spaces.

From astilbes to zinnias, there are so many choice blooms to add colour and fragrance. Not only do these varieties contribute sensory interest to the arena but can also be a valuable source of funds for a community garden.

The Wonky Garden, in Cheshire, has taken this colourful idea a step further by setting up their own florist garden.



Co-founder said: "For us, growing cut flowers was a natural progression. Our idea was to provide competitively priced floral arrangements from bouquets, bridal corsages and buttonholes."

Brides now line up to have the local freshly cut flowers on their special day.

Sue encourages all other school or community gardens to dedicate a space to growing cut flowers, even amongst

edible crops. She said: "Don't be afraid to cut your blooms - with flowers like sweet peas regular cutting will encourage fresh growth."

"The profits of planting flowers you can cut is that they brighten up your indoor spaces and make every room smell amazing with their presence."

When it comes to community gardens, there's always an opportunity to better your garden, the local community and wildlife too.

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