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Q&A



Congratulations! It's a clone pup

My succulent has another plant growing from it. Do I remove it? **Jill, via email**
DAVID: Over spring and summer, you may notice your succulent forming baby plants. These are called offsets or pups. They can be removed from the main growth and repotted to make a clone plant. Cut the offset from the adult plant and gently lift from the soil with roots intact, then reposition in a new, or the same, pot.



Spring lawns dotted with daffodil thrills

How do I plant daffodils so they pop up in my spring lawn? **Jerry, via email**
DAVID: Naturalise daffodils in areas of lawn for next spring by planting them now, before frosty weather hits. Scatter bulbs randomly over the area, without them encroaching on each other's space. Dig planting holes for each of them to three times the bulb's depth. Then backfill to replace the turf on top so it's level with the surrounding lawn.

TIP of the week

Hold off harvesting parsnips - they become sweeter when it turns cold because the starch in their roots turns to sugar.

GET IN TOUCH

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We are unveiling more brilliant Cultivation Street 2019 winners - this week highlighting the plots that make you feel better and people who inspire you to do better. Our community gardening campaign has been blossoming since 2013, handing out prizes totalling £100,000. We've celebrated hundreds of community projects making a difference to lives. And this year's competition, sponsored by Calliope Geraniums, saw the launch of an exciting new category: Gardens for Better Health recognises the gardens having a positive impact on mental or physical health in their community. And our garden centre Ambassador of the Year honours the stars in the horticulture industry, rewarding the most passionate and engaged staff - those who build relationships and help nurture community projects.



SURPRISE
David with
Lost the
Plot stars



TOP PICKS Tracy, left, with a pal on the plot

GARDEN CENTRE AMBASSADOR: WINNER

Gary Bissett, manager at Inver Garden Centre in Larne, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland
Having worked at the garden centre for 22 years, Gary has been putting his experience to good use, helping youngsters at eight local nursery schools. And he's won £1,000 for his dedication.

He has been teaching kids how to sow seeds and grow to help the planet - and he also helps adults with learning difficulties and patients recovering from strokes. Gary said: "It's rewarding as

Masterclass in dedication

children are the gardeners of the future. As a parent myself, I think outside the box where funding is limited, using available resources."
JUDGES' VERDICT: "Gary stood out for his dedication, enthusiasm and the time he spends helping youngsters to become greener."

RUNNERS-UP: Second, £500: Georgia

Isherwood, Dobbies Kings Lynn. Third, £150: Dale Lainton/Graeme Heath, Simpsons, Inverness. Highly commended, £100: Emma Taylor/Janet Hawkings, Garden Store Bromsgrove; Zoe Stanmore, Dobbies Southport; Sophie Menjou, Haskins Southampton; Angela Fletcher, Notcutts Rivendell; Angela Murray, Dobbies Liverpool; Diane Mackintosh/Toni Middleton, Haskins Crawley; Louise Canfield, Aylett Nurseries, St Albans; Matthew Lewis, Old Railway, Brecon; Simon Haines, Sunshine, London; Niki Miller, Langlands, Shiptonthorpe; Jackie Barker, Notcutts Solihull; Carol Watson, Notcutts Tunbridge Wells.



INSPIRATIONAL Gary leading school eco projects

The real Deal for health

GARDENS FOR BETTER HEALTH: WINNER

onions, corn on the cob, radishes and carrots. The 50 x 30 yard plot, part of Deal's Telegraph Road Allotments, benefits from insect hotels, hedgehog havens and a natural pond with a small solar-powered water fountain. But when work started, the allotment had no structure, plants or features. Wide clear walkways and raised beds were created to provide a green space where members can access a supply of fresh fruit and veg. There

are polytunnels, netting, a herb garden, plus plums, strawberries and rhubarb. Many members suffer with depression, anxiety, seasonal affective disorder, stress and bipolar disorder. This project provides a place for them to go and chat during the day if they are in need. Talk It Out Founder Tracy Carr said: "Our plot has been going for only 11 months. We have transformed a bare strip into a calm wellbeing haven for all our members to enjoy. The mental health of our

group has improved and everybody loves talking about the garden. "This project really should serve as a template for outdoor wellbeing centres. "Winning is a real boost. I cannot justifiably put into words the self-worth and lift in mental health this garden and your prize has given. We really are so truly grateful. "As soon as they walk down the path, members describe a sense of freedom and being at one with nature. They get the chance to work the soil,

plant, have an involvement in decision making and enjoy the produce of their labours. It also provides the opportunity for friendship, a chat and a cup of tea." Volunteers are planning to purchase seeds and tools with the prize money. Tracy added: "We never thought we'd ever have such a nice 'problem' as to know what to spend the money on. "But I can say with every guarantee it will be wisely spent as we keep very tight purse strings."
JUDGES' VERDICT: "This project shows how much can be achieved in just 11 months. We can't wait to see how Lose the Plot develops over the coming years. "The competition was intense but this is a truly inspirational project, making a real difference in its community."
RUNNERS-UP: Second, £1,000 and 100 Calliope geraniums: Include Me 2, Reidvale Allotments, Glasgow. Third, £750 and 100 Calliope geraniums: Wonky Garden Projects, Halton, Cheshire. Highly commended, £500 each: Therapeutic Horticulture Martineau Gardens, Edgbaston, Birmingham; Heart, Mind and Soul Silverburn, Leven, Fife, Scotland.

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