In Victorian times it was common for large households to have a team of gardeners, and even the smaller household had ‘help’; sadly these days are passed! We cannot provide you with ‘hired help’ but we can offer you some handy products that will make your gardening easier and save you time! We have quality traditional tools for all sizes (from children to adult and elderly) made by Burgen & Ball therefore you won’t be able to blame your tools if something doesn’t grow!

Bio Sterilant Mustard to give your crops the best chance by sterilising your soil before you start. BioFriend Plant Defence and Banish to keep any pest problems you may have under control nature’s way, no nasty chemicals here!

Instant Life plant food to make your crops bigger and better than anyone else’s (or a specialist fuchsia feed called Sparkles)!

Sparkles Fuchsia Food
Formulated from micro-nutrients and carbon this feed is good for both fuchsia flower and foliage, maintaining good strength and vitality of the plant. Can be used on other flowering pot plants too with equally beneficial effects. 50 gallon pack £7.25.

Instant Life
Easy to use, safe, clean, environmentally friendly and results can be seen in 48 hours! Simply dissolve in a watering can with tap water and apply over the foliage of all your garden and greenhouse plants. It is absorbed through the foliage and into the plant’s natural defence metabolism rendering plant life more resistant to pest and disease attack. It is safe on all food crops and ornamentals.

BioFriend ‘Plant-Defence’
At Last An End To The Use Of Nasty Pesticides
BioFriend ‘Plant-Defence’ (BFPD) is made up of 100% natural plant extracts including concentrated garlic and sea extract alginates, although this will not taint any vegetables it is used on. It has been formulated to act as a plant stimulant and to strengthen the plant’s natural defence metabolism rendering plant life more resistant to pest and disease attack. It is safe on all food crops and ornamentals. BFPD is applied as a mist or spray from either a simple hand or commercial sprayer. For greatest benefit BFPD should be used on a regular basis (every 7-10 days) through the growing season as this will improve the plants constitution and aid natural resistance to insect pests and diseases. Should plants already be infested BFPD can be used at three day intervals to aid a speedy recovery.

BFPD contains only natural plant extracts and may be used without concern where children, animals and pets are present and is completely biodegradable. It is safe to use when applied in accord with our instructions. BFPD is safe in the environment and has proven harmless to earthworms, bees, ladybirds, lacewings and other beneficial insects. It has also been found that the garlic smell and taste, which is rapidly undetectable to humans, keeps rabbits, deer, crows and pigeons away for considerable periods of time. This is likely to be due to the significantly more sensitive sense of smell of these animals compared to humans.

Research worldwide has shown that garlic (a major ingredient of BFPD) has fungicidal and fungicidal properties. Whilst we make no claim with regard to this possible ‘side benefit’ we do not recommend the use of BFPD on some species of contrlers where the growth of mycorrhizal (a beneficial root fungi) may be slowed. Similarly we do not recommend BFPD’s use on crops such as mushrooms and other related fungi.

Use at a rate of 20ml of concentrate in 1 litre of water.
1 litre of diluted solution can treat up to 100 sq mtrs (1070 sq ft).
No1 pack (250ml) treats up to 1250 square metres - £14.95.

Carriage Charges
Our processing and packing charges are calculated on weight, where you are in the country and when you would like your order dispatched.
£1.95 for small seed orders (to fit an A5 envelope)
£4.25 for a lightweight small parcels (up to 2kg)
£9.95 for heavier larger parcels, delivered to mainland England on a standard 7-10 delivery. If you are outside this area (including IOW) please ring or visit our website for further details.
Next day delivery options are available.

Ordering Methods
You may order securely on-line at www.victoriananursery.co.uk By telephone on 01233 740529 By Post to: Victoriana Nursery Gardens, Challock, Ashford, Kent. TN25 4DG We accept Visa & Mastercard.
Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to Victoriana Nursery Gardens.

Bio Sterilant Mustard Seed
This truly is the organic gardener, smallholder and farmer’s salvation, a natural method of soil sterilisation, even controlling leather jackets, vine weevil and all harmful soil pests as well as reducing weed seeds. A completely safe all organic method of soil fumigation without recourse to chemicals of any kind, furthermore this principle will also provide you with a green manure crop.
Sown and grown as you would a conventional green manure crop you simply chop the plant tops down shortly before they set seed and incorporate this into the soil to release a natural soil fumigant gas.
This is a particular variety of Mustard and should not be confused with conventional salad mustard.
Test Trial Packet for 50 square metres - £5.99, ¼ acre pack - £25.00.

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**4ft Tree Chestnut Stake & Tie**
Chestnut stakes, complete with 24” (60cm) soft buckle rubber ties. From our own sustainable woodland. £4.50 each, 3 or more £4.25 each, 5 or more £4.15, 10 or more £3.95.

**6ft Chestnut Tree Stake**
Striped of their bark, with a pointed base for easy installation, from a fully renewable source in Kent. £4.25 each, 3-4 £3.95 each, 5-9 £3.80 each, 10 or more £3.70 each.

**Tree Ties Only**
24” (60cm) soft buckle rubber tie. £1.50 each, 3 or more £1.45 each, 5 or more £1.40 each, 10 or more £1.30 each.

**Tubex Easy Wrap Tree Guards**
Translucent green in colour and manufactured from environmentally acceptable polypropylene. More rigid than spiral alternatives and provide a greater protection due to their wall thickness - offering the combined benefit of herbicide and rabbit protection, as well as limited protection from ‘over zealous’ strimming! 0.75m in height (2½ feet). 50 mm (2”) in diameter expanding to 65mm (2½”) in diameter £1.80 each, 3 or more £1.70, 5 - 9 £1.60 each, 10 or more £1.40 each.

**Compost 5 ltrs of one type £2.00, 10lters £3.50, 25lters £7.50, 100lters £22.00, 250lters or more £0.20 per ltr**
This is the compost we mix and use here on the nursery so we know it is good! We mix as it is required to ensure it is never ‘stale’, as soon as compost is mixed the nutrients added come into contact with moisture and so start to release. All our composts are blended from a ‘medium grade’ fibrous peat and horticultural vermiculite - mixed in an Adelphi paddle mixer thus ensuring that the structure of the peat and vermiculite is not destroyed, which results in a compost that is both moisture retentive but also free draining with good aeration. All our composts contain a combination of lime (for pH correction), organic base fertilisers and organic slow release fertiliser. We do not incorporate any compost insecticides.

**Potting or Pricking Out Compost Composition**
80% Peat / 20% Vermiculite. pH in the range of 6.5 - 7.5. Minimum nutrient release period three months.

**Seed Tray Insert**
H Smith Plastics Ltd.
Thin-walled plastic inserts are designed to fit any British Standard seed tray and in effect making 4 mini seed trays out of one - perfect for multiple sowings in a limited area. The inserts are barely joined together so can easily be divided by cutting and swapped from seed tray to seed tray as you wish. Strong enough to be used on their own with care. Manufactured from recycled materials. Approx Dimensions: 344mm x 214mm x 52mm (13½” x 8” x 2”) - ‘British Standard’ seed tray size and holds approx 3 ltrs of compost. 5 trays £1.30, 10 for £2.50, 25 for £6.50, 50 or more £0.22 each, 100 or more £0.20 each, 250 or more £0.18 each.

**Square Plastic Plant Pot - 7cm**
H Smith Plastics Ltd. Perfect size for transplanting young seedlings into. They may seem quite flimsy - but in practice the thick rim ensures they will last for several ‘pottings up’ and ‘knockings out’. Well proportioned pot. 15 fit snugly in a British Standard seed tray. Individually pressure formed from recycled materials. Approx Internal Dimensions (to top lip):66mm x 66mm x 71mm (2½” x 2½” x 2¾”). 1 pot holds approx ¼ ltr of compost. 5 pots £0.70, 10 for £1.30, 25 for £3.00, 50 or more £0.10 each, 100 or more £0.08 each, 250 or more £0.05 each.

**Vitopod Electric Propagator**
To get the best from your seed sowings or your vegetative propagation (taking cuttings) you need to create the best growing conditions you can. With this propagator that is made easy! Thermostatically controlled, the thermostat can be set between 5°C to 30°C (to any whole degree). Large vents in side and lid. Even heat distribution. Dimensions 56cm Long x 55cm Wide x 24cm High £110.00 each.

**Mole Plants**
Said to have the property of deterring moles where planted; commonly known as Caper Spurge. Biennial which can self seed. It is said the roots exude a secretion making worms unpleasant to taste - moles find the worms unpalatable so move on elsewhere! Plant at 4ft spacings for best effect. £2.60 each, 3 at £2.50 each, 5 or more £2.40 each.

**Seed Collections**
**Edible Classroom Starter Pack** £32.50 per kit.
Excellent starter pack if your not sure where to begin! 13 different edible varieties of seeds. Easy to grow.

**Autumn Edible Classroom Seed Pack** £8.59 per kit.
Covers the months of September/October/November/December. Extremely easy to grow. 4 different edible packets of seed.

**Spring/Summer Edible Classroom Seed Pack** £91.58 per kit.
Covers the months of April, May, June and July. Contains 39 different edible packets of seed.

**Winter Term Seed Pack** £60.30 per pack
A collection of 27 packets of different, edible seeds. Great for sowing and growing in January, February and March. All the seeds required for the Winter Term projects detailed in the ‘Growing Schools’ year planner.

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What better way to spend your non gardening time than reading about it? Techniques may change, ideas may come and go but the theory, in the most, stays the same! Here we list a small selection of books which we think will be of interest to both the novice and keen gardener alike. We have tried to select a range of books with a similar ethos to ours in that things are done ‘natures way’.

**Bonsai – An Illustrated Guide To An Ancient Art.** Easy to read with good illustrations. Includes layering and forced root training, cuttings, budding, raising, training, side grafting, potting on, rock planting, pruning, winter care, making shelves and more. 80 pages (A4), softback, £16.60

**Flowerpot Farming** By Jayne Neville. You don’t need acres of land or even a big garden to enjoy your very own home-grown, fresh garden produce. The balcony, backyard, patio or even the doorstep can all be turned over to vegetable production. Flowerpot Farming shows you how to create an orchard on the patio, grow new season potatoes out of bags and offers a continuous source of seasonal veg throughout the year. 159 page (slightly smaller than A5), softback book. £8.99

**General Fuchsia Cultivation** An excellent booklet that provides a basic look at how to grow fuchsias. All the methods within are tried and tested and have been adopted by some of today’s most successful fuchsia growers. Primarily intended for the benefit of newcomers to growing fuchsias due to its basic and simplistic approach, it will never the less prove useful to the more experienced grower and exhibitor. 28 page (A5), softback, £3.99

**Good Fruit & Veg Guide** RHS publication. Beautifully laid out, a pleasure to use, packed with so much information that fits into your pocket, so you can always have it to hand! 560 pages (small) softback £9.99 each.

**Growing & Showing Fuchsias** A hardback book written by top exhibitor, Leo Boullemier to give you the facts and tips on how to win your competitions whatever type of fuchsias you grow. Published in 1985 – some of the pest and disease preventions described are no longer available. 66 pages (A5), hardback, £5.95

**Grow It Eat It** Beautifully illustrated. Great for encouraging children to try something new, it shows them how to grow the ingredients and gives lovely, easy recipes for them to try with what they have produced. Includes plants that can be grown in pots as well as in a garden – so if you have only limited space and children it’s a must. Royal Horticultural Society publication. 80 pages (approx A4) hardback, £9.99

**Grow Fruit** By Alan Buckingham and Jo Whittingham. Beautifully illustrated book with photos and diagrams to explain what they are talking about – a must for any fruit gardener, especially a beginner. It covers trees fruit, soft and exotics all in one book. There is a wealth of clear, practical advice with tips and techniques including pruning and training from traditional ‘old English’ methods to more modern. Lovely photos help you identify any problems you may have and gives ideas of what you could do to prevent the same happening again. 352 pages (A4) hardback, £16.99

**No Time To Grow** By Tim Wootton. Packed with lots of information on how to get started with your own ‘organic’ fruit and veg but with limited time. He provides details on clearing the land, planning (an essential part of gardening) and crop rotation to ensure you get the best out of your space and time and if you weren’t sure what to do with the produce once you’ve grown it there are even a few recipes in the back to give you some good ideas. 136 pages (A5) paperback, £9.95

**Mushrooms – Nature’s Major Protein Food** We make no apology that this is an old book! Many years ago we sold this little book and only recently a ‘fresh’ batch came to light! This book is a mine of information for the mushroom grower and eater alike; many think mushrooms are ‘eater alike; many think mushrooms are

**Ready Steady, Grow** Bright and colourful with easy step by step instructions. It is suitable regardless of the amount of space you have. It helps to teach children about growing their own produce as well as pretty flowers and herbs. It has some lovely imaginative ideas to really help the children enjoy what they are doing. Royal Horticultural Society book. 80 pages, (slightly smaller than A4) hardback, £9.99

**Success With Organic Fruit** By Yvonne Cuthbertson. Ideal for beginners and for the more experienced for reference. It covers how and where to grow fruit with wonderful colour pictures and practical advice, including solutions to common problems. Ideal whether you are planting an orchard or in your garden. Some of Stephen Shirley’s photography is also included in this book! 160 pages (slightly smaller than A4), softback, £12.95

**Success With Seeds** By Chris & Valerie Wheeler, is wonderful for anyone wanting to grow annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, climbers, bulbs, houseplants and vegetables from seeds. It contains practical advice and lovely pictures to help you through every stage. 152 pages (slightly smaller than A4), softback, £12.95

**Successful Grape Growing For Eating And Wine-Making** A very thorough and descriptive book complete with illustrations by Alan Rowe who has 30 years experience in growing vines. It covers canopy, preparing and keeping grapes for the table, making of still and sparkling wine, juicing verjuice and vinegar making and has descriptions for more than 100 different varieties. 146 pages (slightly smaller than A4), softback, £12.95

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**Burgon & Ball Tools**

**Carbon Steel Asparagus Knife** £12.99 each.

A lovely hardwood handle complete with a leather strap to hang it from. A forged, high carbon steel serrated blade which is excellent for durability. Sharpened tip which slices through the spear under the soil. 31cm (approx 12”) overall length. 5 year guarantee.

**Vegetable Harvesting Knife** Serrated teeth on it’s curved, high carbon steel blade for an easy clean cut. Hardwood handle. 32cm (12½”) long. £12.99 each

**Dibblet** Made from FSC beechwood with 1cm graduations, excellent for small seed sowing. £5.99 each

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**The Woodman & His Wife Tools**

**Trug,** Unique, handmade, chestnut wooden trugs. Approximately 14” x 9” x 9” in size perfect for gather your fruit and veg in from the garden. £19.95 each

**What Else Do We Do?**

We also offer the following catalogues and plants, please enquire for more details:

- **Fascinating Fuchsias**
- **The Kitchen Garden**
- **Fruit Garden**
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