



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 Burgon & 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)! So what are you waiting for, read on for further information.....



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 fungistatic 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 conifers 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.

No2 pack (600ml) treats up to 3000 square metres - £28.95.

No3 pack (1200ml) treats up to 6000 square metres - £49.95.

No4 pack (5 litres) treats up to 25,000 square metres - £135.00.



BioFriend Slug-Banish

It has often been said that prevention is better than cure and to this end we bring you BioFriend Slug-Banish (BFSB) – an 'organic friendly' soil conditioner and soil stimulant. Slugs appear to dislike the change in soil chemistry that its application brings about and will re-locate elsewhere – banish slugs from your garden! Safe to all pets, birds and hedgehogs when used in accordance with our simple directions for use and guidance enclosed with each pack that provides treatment of an area of 400 Sq feet (37 Sq Metres) for about nine months. Make into a stock solution, add to water and applied to the soil with a watering can. Simple, quick, clean and efficient. **Treats 400 sq ft for £10.95 3 packs £9.95 each.**

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)

£3.95 for a lightweight small parcels (up to 2kg)

£8.95 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.

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 is in the plant's sap stream within 60 seconds of application. Can also be applied directly to the soil. Just treat your garden lawn and see how quickly it will green up after Winter frosts or drought periods.

Naturally occurring mineral salt that contains vital trace elements, having a high level of nitrogen for growth and potash for substance, colour and viability, together with sodium that has a beneficial effect on the soil and unlike many other forms of plant foods does not have the effect of acidifying the soil. With a formula of 13%N and 46%K₂O as an instantly dissolvable crystalline substance that includes sodium and trace elements including boron, magnesium and iodine. Its use can prevent deficiency diseases in most crops. If you are seeking 'Prize Winning' results then we highly recommend this!

50 gallon pack £6.95, 3 packs £5.95 each, 5 or more packs £5.95 each.

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.

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 twin wall design – offering the combined benefit of herbicide and rabbit protection, as well as limited protection from 'over zealous' strimming! 0.75m in height (2 ½ feet). 50 mm (2") in diameter expanding to 65mm (2½" in diameter) **£1.80 each, 3 or more £1.70, 5 - 9 £1.40 each, 10 or more £1.40 each.**

Compost 5 ltrs of one type £2.00, 10ltrs £3.50, 25ltrs £7.50, 100ltrs £22.00, 250ltrs 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
Min. nutrient release period three months.

Seed & Cuttings Compost Composition

65% Peat / 35% Vermiculite. pH in the range of 5.5 - 6.5
Minimum nutrient release period three months

Pot Carrier For 7cm Pots

H Smith Plastics Ltd

More rigid than a seed tray and allows you to pick up a 'tray of 15' in one hand without the whole lot spilling out. Manufactured from recycled materials. Approx. Dimensions: 344mm x 214mm x 52mm (13½" x 8" x 2") - 'British Standard' seed tray size
5 trays £3.75, 10 for £6.50, 25 for £13.75. 50 or more £0.45 each, 100 or more £0.35 each, 250 or more £0.30 each

Seed Tray (Heavyweight)

H Smith Plastics Ltd. We use here on the nursery. Manufactured from recycled high impact polystyrene they are semi rigid - and strong enough for you to be able to pick up a full tray in one hand without it splitting and spilling. The bottom of the tray is ridged providing a two level drainage system perfect for over-head or sub-irrigation systems. 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 £3.75, 10 for £6.50, 25 for £13.75, 50 or more £0.45 each, 100 or more £0.35 each, 250 or more £0.30 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.

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 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
1 strip of four inserts 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 £0.18each.

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.

Pond Help!

Pond Liner Repair Kit

This joining kit is suitable to repair most pond liners, including Butyl. The patch is of Gordon Lowe Butyl Liner and measures approximately 30cm x 120cm and comes with 5 meter long cold glue tape, 60mm wide. **Complete kit £29.95.**

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 grafting techniques, cuttings, seed raising, training, side grafting, potting on, rock planting, pruning, winter care, making shelves and more. **80 pages (A4), softback, £11.60**

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 you 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 just an addition to the plate – few realise you can live on mushrooms alone! This book covers everything from the history of the mushroom, its nutritional benefits, cultivation and even some tasty recipes. Furthermore it reveals how an element in mushrooms can both prevent and treat cancer. **Please note these books have slightly damaged covers. 64 pages (approximately DL size), softback, £4.95**

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**

Success With Apples And Pears to Eat and Drink
An excellent book for descriptions and advice on apples and pears by Alan Rowe who has 40 years experience of growing dessert, culinary, cider and perry apples and pears in Suffolk. It includes advice on husbandry, planting, cultivation, training, pest and disease control, harvesting and storing. **130 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 from Alan Rowe who has 30 years experience in growing vines. It covers husbandry, 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**

A lovely range of hard working stainless steel spades and forks, designed for comfort when using!

- Wide polished 'Y' handle for blisterproof comfort, double riveted.
- Ash handles.

Highly polished stainless steel heads for rust resistance and clean movement through the soil.

Their childrens range, or Budding Gardeners as they call it has all the quality of their adult range just in a smaller size, ideally suited to children in height and weight and small adult range for the smaller adults amongst us! Something for everyone.

Getting Organised!

Seed Packet Organiser

Collect, organise and collect seeds with this amazing powder coated tin. Complete with pencil, monthly dividers and 5 seed storage envelopes. 28cmW x 20cmD x 16cm H (11" x 8" x 6"). £24.99 each

Tool & Tuck Box

Great for storing and transporting tools and your lunch or snack! 28cmW x 15.5cmD x 25cmH (11" x 6" x 10"). £24.99 each

Gardening Tools (£3.95 pp&c)

Eco Pot Maker

Turns strips of old newspaper into biodegradable plant pots for seedlings in three different sizes, 3cm, 4.75cm and 6cm diameter. £19.99 each

Seed & Plant Spacing Rule

Takes the guesswork out of seed spacing. Metric & imperial graduations plus printed veg spacing guide. £19.99 each

Dibbler

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

Planting Line

Two hand turned FSC beechwood posts with 20m of natural jute twine (green). £9.99 each

Twine

Biodegradeable 3ply twine, 110m. £2.00 each

Twine in a Tin

Available in natural, blue, green or pink, 2ply 150m. £7.00 each

Plant Support Rings

Made from galvanised metal for durability. 1¼" (4.5cm) diameter. 100 rings £3.99

Potting Riddle

Or Sieve! £12.99 each

Budding Gardener's

Child's Digging Fork or Spade

£29.99 each.

Child's Hand Fork or Trowel

£8.99 each.

Child's Watering Can

1ltr can with 2 handles. British Racing Green. £8.99 each

Adult Digging Tools

Stainless Steel Digging Fork or Spade. £39.99 each

Stainless Steel Digging Fork or Spade (Small Adult) £37.99 each

Stainless Steel Lawn Rake. £32.99 each

Stainless Steel Garden Rake. £32.99 each

Stainless Steel Dutch Hoe. £32.99 each

Ladies Digging Gift Set

Consists of a digging spade and digging fork. £74.95 per set.

Adult Hand Tools

Stainless Steel Round Tine Hand Fork

Great for use in clay soil. £10.99 each.

Stainless Steel Hand Fork or Trowel. £10.99 each.

Stainless Steel Hand Hoe. £10.99 each.

Stainless Steel Claw Cultivator

Breaks up & aerates the soil, great if you have clay! £10.99 each.

Harvesting Tools

Carbon Steel Asparagus Knife £10.99 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.

Fruit & Veg Snips £11.99 each

Designed for thinner stemmed items such as tomato vines or grape vines. 19cm (8") overall length, use like scissors.

Herb Snips £11.99 each

Miniature shears, lovely for trimming or cutting your home grown herbs Overall length 16cm (6¼").

Pocket Knife & Steel £49.99 per set.

Great general purpose 6cm (2¼") bladed knife which folds into a 10cm(4") handle. Complete with steel.

Potato Harvesting Scoop £21.99 each

Stainless steel body, hardwood handle, with 15cm (6") head and overall length of 50cm (20").

Vegetable Harvesting Knife

Serrated teeth on it's curved, high carbon steel blade for an easy clean cut. Hardwood handle. 32cm (12½) long. £10.99 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

Herbs & Healing

Ornamentals

Water Gardening