

## Plant Stall update week beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024



It is now the beginning of March and the plants we have overwintered are beginning to wake up and some are even in flower. We have therefore put out some at the front including 2 splendid hellebores with pink flowers in larger pots, several pretty pulmonarias and some flowering bergenias. Also, we have decided to sell some of our larger planters which have been kindly donated but are too large to plant up in the normal way. Some of these are really lovely, a mixture of both ceramic pots and other planters in grey. Find yourself a bargain by having a look!

I would like to thank all of you who responded to my plea for larger plant pots in January. The response was amazing, allowing us to pot up all the roses immediately and also a large number of other perennials, particularly phlox and golden rod. We even have a stock of pots in reserve now. However, over the next few months we will be in constant need of larger pots for all the potting up that will be needed over the spring and summer season, so please recycle any pots you don't need by leaving them at the centre.

The date for the big plant Fayre in May has now been fixed for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, so if you are splitting perennials in spring or germinating plants and have a surplus, all donations will be gratefully received! Last year the section of edible plants such as fruit canes, herbs, young vegetables etc. did very well. We don't propagate these type of plants so if you have any to spare, we would love to have them.

This year we are also having a mini plant sale on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to focus particularly on dahlias and roses. If you are interested in acquiring dahlias, I am happy to send you the list of all the varieties I am hoping to bring on, which will have to be done in batches due to the large number of tubers currently in my cellar! I can reserve some in advance if you want a particular variety and ensure they are in the first batch for sprouting and splitting.