

# PLANNING THE FUTURE



In winter plan your garden for the year to come

## Planting beds



There may be times in the year when your beds are lacking colour, some times it is a good idea to take a photo of each bed at the beginning of every month so as you can identify the times when more colour or interest is needed. This will also help to see how larger plants have grown and can be beneficial when deciding to prune, move or split plants. This will help you out next January when you plan your jobs for the following year.

## Problems with drainage and water logging.

Take photos of where water is standing and then plan the best course of action to take when the weather is better to prevent this from happening. Water standing on soil or lawns will be eased by simply adding grit to the soil or spiking a lawn with a garden fork regularly into a lawn to improve the drainage. Paving slabs can be lifted and re-levelled. If you have more severe problems you may need to look into adding additional drainage.



## Problems with garden layout.

Now is a good time to start planning any changes you want to make in the garden. You may want to make it easier to look after or have additional elements you want to add, such as patios and summerhouses, you may even want to create a whole new space. Now you can start to think about how and when you are going to achieve these, make notes, research materials etc.

You may even want professional advice.

Langlands **plan and plant** department offers services which may help such as, visits to your garden to advise on any elements you require, from pruning to redevelopment. The department also offers planting plans and a full design service.

If you want to find out more about these services email [nikki.miller@langlands-nurseries.co.uk](mailto:nikki.miller@langlands-nurseries.co.uk) or just ring the garden centre on 01430 873426 and ask for Nikki Miller.

