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Plants to grow for wonderful winter scent.

Love Your Lawn

How to get a lush lawn after a scorching summer.

Welcome to your magazine



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After a scorching summer, I have to say I'm thankful for some cooler weather – and some much needed rain for the garden!

With the change of the season, our thoughts turn to preparing our outdoor spaces for winter.

If you have a lawn, no doubt it's been ravaged by the sun over the summer. Never fear! In this month's magazine, we have an easy-to-follow, step-by-step action plan for bringing your grass back to its best.

Elsewhere, we're looking at the perfect plants for beautiful garden scent over winter. And we're sharing our top selection of bulbs to plant now for a stunning show of colour in spring.

Also in this edition, we're taking a peek over the fence at a recently completed landscape design project, where summer dining and child-friendly spaces were top of the agenda.

Finally, we'd like to say a big congratulations to **Fiona Scullion**, who is the lucky winner of a £200 voucher from our summer competition. Well done, Fiona!

Thanks for reading and I hope you enjoy everything your garden has to offer this autumn.

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The best Winter Scent

Who says sweet-smelling flowers are only for summer gardens! Here are our top picks for gorgeous scented blooms throughout the winter.



Scented snowdrop

There are a handful of snowdrops known for their unique fragrance. 'Magnet' has a wonderful honey scent, which is most noticeable when the outer petals open up to a horizontal position in the sun.



Out of season iris

This richly coloured iris has a strong primrose scent. Its beautiful violet-blue flowers open from November to February, and feature slender evergreen foliage. Just to make them even more stunning, this variety features a pop of gold running down the centre of its petals. Wonderful!



Scented skimmia

'Kew Green' has large cone-shaped groupings of flowers, which produce a surprisingly strong scent. The flowers are green at first then mature to a rich cream colour. They have a long season from late winter into spring, and are evergreen.



Winter honeysuckle

From early December right through to April, 'Winter Beauty' – a winter bush honeysuckle – produces beautiful creamy flowers. Their fragrance has to be smelled to be believed – so much so, it is often used to great effect in cut-flower bouquets.



Witch hazel

Most witch hazels don't produce a scent. However, the striking orange-yellow flowers of 'Vesna' produce an unexpectedly strong scent all the way from December until March.



Jobs for your garden this AULUUM

The good weather may be fading but you can still keep your garden in top shape with these autumn gardening jobs.



Save your seeds

Get some free plants by saving seeds from your favourite blooms. Seeds can be collected from your garden or in the wild, but be sure to label the seeds so you know exactly what you've got come spring! To catch every seed from the flower head, pop them into a bag and give it a good shake to release the seeds. Then store them in a paper bag or manila envelope in a cool dark place until it's time to sow.



For a healthy lawn, you need to keep it clear of fallen leaves (they can harbour disease and do great damage to your grass). What's more, leaves on the lawn can block light and cause your lawn to go patchy. All you need to do is rake the leaves up and put them in the compost bin. Then apply a fertiliser to the grass. Just make sure you choose an autumn mixture that boosts the grass' roots, rather than a spring one that brings leafy growth.





Protect tender plants

The weather has turned and now is the time to move any tender plants into the greenhouse, conservatory or porch to shelter them. Frosts can cause serious damage to plants. You should also protect fuchsias and any other exotic plants from winter weather with straw and hessian on the crown and around the trunk. Top tip: insulate your containers and pots by wrapping newspaper and bin bags around them.



Plant spring-flowering bulbs

If you want bulbs to flower in spring, they need to be in the ground over winter. So now's the time to plant spring bulbs like daffodils, snowdrops and tulips. Use the 'lightbulb' planting technique to protect them from waterlogging and rotting – simply push and twist the bulb into the soil. If you place the bulb in the soil without doing this, you may leave gaps for rainwater to collect, which could rot the bulb. Late-autumn is also a good time to plant other spring-flowering plants like pansies.



Tie in tall plants

Something that's easily forgotten is to stake your tall plants and saplings. When the brisk winds arrive, these vulnerable plants will need all the support they can get. The stakes should be sturdy and be sure to check that ties are not cutting into the stems. Use garden tape if you're worried about this. It's also worth checking that your pergolas and fences are secure, too!



Focus on... Historic

Traditional gardens tend to be full of colour, mature planting, trees and textured finishes.

Our Historic flags are the perfect accompaniment, bringing a sense of vintage charm to your garden.

What is Historic?

Historic paving is the **perfect choice for anyone looking to bring a rustic character to their garden.** With its contoured surface and edges, Historic provides the look and feel of natural stone, but with the durability of a carefully manufactured product.





Stylish and Practical

Historic flags are available in packs containing five different sizes, allowing you to create mixed laying patterns with an organic look.

They can be laid directly onto sand, making them **quick** and easy to install.

And when a jointing compound is used to seal the gaps between flags, weed growth is inhibited, giving a finish that not only looks neat and tidy but also provides years of low-maintenance enjoyment.

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- ✓ Get the look and feel of traditional natural stone
- ✓ Vibrant long-lasting colours
- ✓ Features beautiful fettled edges and a riven face
- ✓ Quick installation
- ✓ Suitable for paths and patios
- ✓ Pair with Historic Circle to create an eye-catching focal point



Find out more about Historic and get inspiration for your outdoor space. Go to the Tobermore website.







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Now's the Time to Plant BUIDS

Autumn is the time to plan for a spring garden alive with striking blooms. Your options are almost endless – from tantalising tulips to delightful daffodils and a plethora of lesser-known beauties.

Here are five great spring-flowering bulbs we'll be planting in our gardens. Plant them now and enjoy wonderful bursts of colour early next year.

Winter aconites

The sunny yellow flowers of winter aconite will bring a smile to your face in early February. They look best grown in large clumps, under deciduous trees or shrubs. They combine wonderfully with snowdrops, too. They can be difficult to establish but once settled they will spread fairly easily.

Hyacinth

Hyacinths are fragrant bulbs that flower in March and April. They come in lots of colours, from the more common blue, pink and white varieties to more unusual purple, magenta and pale yellow varieties. The best place to plant hyacinths is at the front of your borders or in pots on your patio – that way they'll bring a scented splash of colour closer to your house.



Alliums

Alliums bloom in May and June, filling the gap between spring and summer perfectly. Bees love them, with the perfectly round pompomlike flowers appearing in shades of purple, pink and white. With their tall stems, alliums look fantastic growing up through a border. Plant as many as you can for a stunning effect.

Daffodils

The good old daffodil brings familiar colour and form to our gardens throughout spring. There are loads of varieties, some flowering in February and others as late as May. Daffodils can grow up to anything from 10cm to 45cm in height and come in lots of different colours and shapes. We all know and love the yellow-flowered varieties. But they can also be white, cream or lemon, with trumpets of brightlycoloured contrasting shades.

Crocus

From late winter onwards, a thick carpet of small purple, yellow and white crocus flowers looks stunning in the garden. They do a lot of good, too, providing a much-needed source of nectar and pollen for insects emerging from hibernation. Luckily, crocuses are easy to grow and establish themselves well in pots or at the front of borders.



Last of the Summer Sur

A customer story...

When Rachel Shivers Wilson and her family decided to re-design their patio area, making the most of the sun was a top priority.

"The main aim for the patio area was to allow for easy access to the garden from the kitchen area," says Rachel. "We really wanted a decent space where we could have outdoor dining in the summertime and enjoy longer evenings in the sun later in the year."

Rachel also wanted a patio area for her young children. "Around our house is mostly stone and gravel," she says, "so we wanted an area that the kids could use to go on their bikes. We wanted our youngest son, who's two, to be able to use his tricycle on the new patio as well."

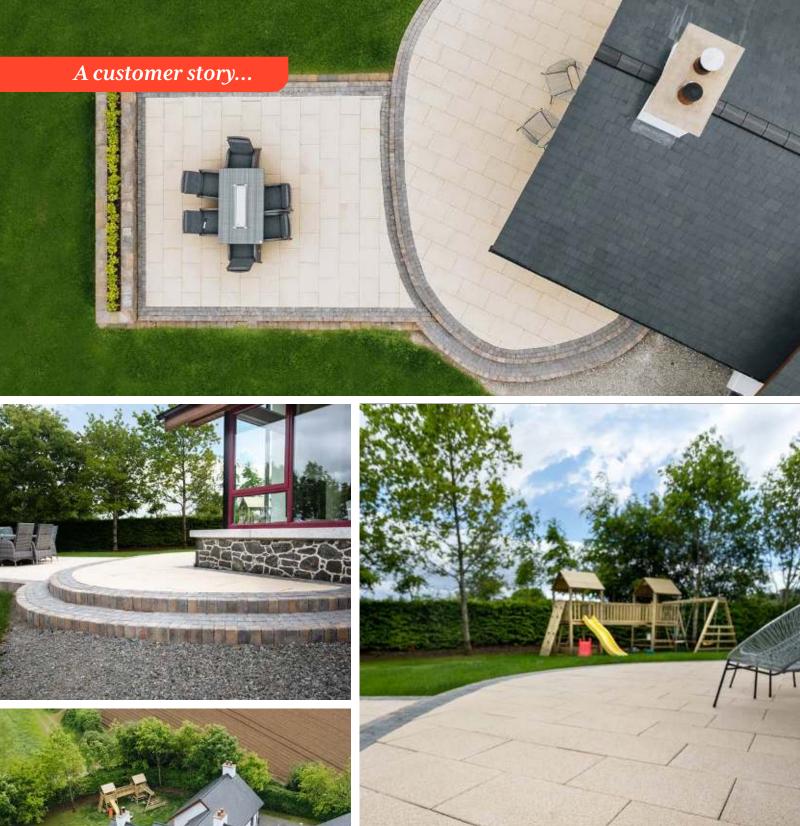
The first step of the project for Rachel was to speak to the team at Tobermore. "A landscape designer then came out to our house," she explains. "We've been here nearly two years so the first year I spent the summer watching which areas of the garden we would use the most and which areas got the sun for the longest time.

"Once I let the designer know exactly where we wanted the seating area to be, she was able to design something which worked for the whole family. We were able to add on double patio doors at the side of the house to allow the patio to come out around the side of the house as well."

Rachel concludes: "We are delighted with the finished project; the kids absolutely love it and it's really opened up our home and allows us to use our outside area much more."













Giving your lawn a bit of attention now will get it back into good shape before winter sets in. Revive your lawn, by following these five simple steps.

Give it a mow

Grass grows slowly in autumn, so you can mow less often. Raise your mower blades up to about four centimetres for a lighter cut. Put the clippings on the compost heap, and never mow in wet or frosty weather as you could damage the grass.

Rake up the thatch

After mowing, rake the lawn with a lawn rake to remove any build up of moss and decaying material that has accumulated over the summer. The lawn will look a bit of a state afterwards, but it will recover quickly and be more healthy as a result of your hard work.



Spike with a fork

Following heavy use and hot weather, lawns can become compacted. To alleviate this, spike the surface with a garden fork, about eight centimetres deep at fifteen centimetre intervals. This supports grass root growth and improves surface drainage.



Treat bald patches

Having just had one of the hottest summers on record, your lawn has probably been left with bald or thinning patches. To fix them, simply loosen any bare soil with a fork and sprinkle grass seed over the surface.

Cover the patch with compost then water in. You'll see the bald patches going green again before winter sets in.

Apply organic fertiliser

After a spell of rain, sprinkle autumn lawn feed or organic fertiliser all over your lawn, following the manufacturer's instructions. This will toughen up the grass and encourage strong roots.

Ask an Expert About: Cleaning Paving



Mark McIlmoyle Paving and Walling Advisor

If your paving is looking a little worse for wear after a summer of heavy use, here's how to clean it up ready for winter.

Paving requires regular maintenance to prevent the build up of debris. Brush leaves and berries regularly to avoid them gathering on the paving and causing staining.

For general cleaning of dirt and algae, brush the paving with a stiff brush with plenty of hot water with detergent - washing up liquid or non-bio washing powder will suffice.

Rinse the area thoroughly with clean water. If your paved area is situated beneath trees or in permanent/hear permanent shade, you may need to repeat the steps above.



How do I remove weeds from paving?

Can I use a power hose?

If you wish to use a power washer, a light power hose at medium pressure is generally all that is required to clean general dirt and grime.

If any jointing material is removed by power hosing, take time to replace this. Do not use a high-pressure power washer as aggressive power washing can damage the product surface. A trial area should be tested before large scale power washing takes place.

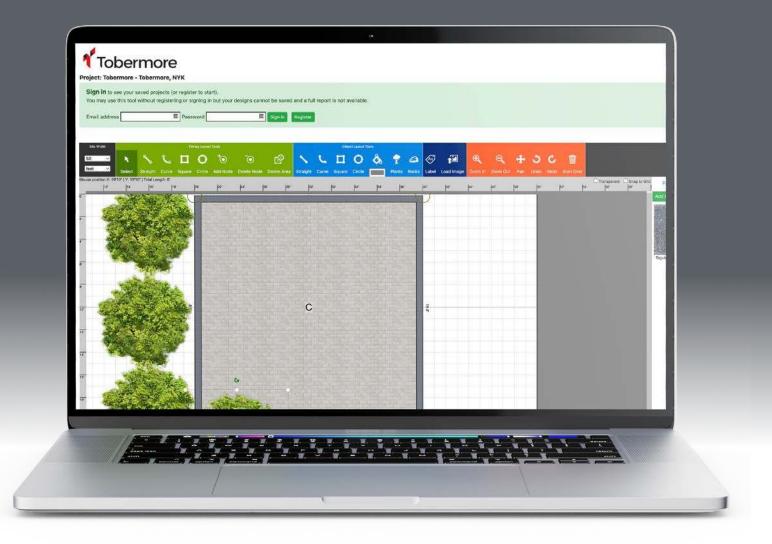
We do not recommend power washing Tobermore's EasyClean paving. Stains and dirt on EasyClean paving should be wiped away. Please refer to the EasyClean maintenance guide for more information. Large weeds should be removed by hand and then the area treated with a weed killer. Smaller weeds can then be treated directly with weed killer; these weeds should start to die within days.

The manufacturer's instructions should always be followed when using any weed killing agent.

For more cleaning information, refer to our maintenance guide on our website.

Top Tips

- Remember to refill any joints with fine jointing sand after cleaning
- ✓ Keep joints filled with sand to stop weeds growing up
- Brush leaves and berries from your paving regularly
- Power washers can be used we advise a light power hose at medium pressure



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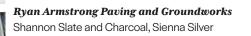
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