

DAFFODILS FOR MARLBOROUGH

Tricia Hayllar writes: The Committee has been considering ways in which the Gardening Association might use some of its funds for the benefit of the town. We decided that planting some more daffodils on the banks on the Swindon Road, near the Golf Club, would improve the approach to the town and thereby benefit the community. The existing bulbs are getting old and many are now blind and so we plan a more naturalistic wave of planting along the bank. We have been in discussion with the Town Council and their Estate Manager and hope that their approval will be given shortly. I am therefore alerting members that there may be a call for volunteers to assist with planting, probably at the end of October or beginning of November. I hope to have more details at the next meeting on October 10th.

IN YOUR GARDEN IN OCTOBER

- ★ Clear the beds of summer flowers and plant spring-flowering bulbs and bedding plants: daffodils, wallflowers, forget-me-nots, polyanthus and primroses.
- ★ Start lifting, dividing and replanting hardy perennials that need this attention.
- ★ Lift & store dahlia tubers when the tops have been killed by frost.
- ★ Gather all fallen leaves for leafmould; store in hessian bags until next year.
- ★ Sow sweet peas in small pots or boxes and germinate in a greenhouse or cold frame.
- ★ Place greasebands on the stems of fruit trees to trap the female winter moths as they ascend the trees. The stakes which support standard trees should be treated similarly. Remember, you get 10% off all purchases at TH White on production of your card.
- ★ After this summer's drought, repair worn patches on the lawn by turfing or sowing; protect from birds and keep well watered until established.
- ★ Gather and store in a frostproof shed all except the very latest apples and pears; wrap each fruit in newspaper and put into a cardboard box lined with a plastic bag.
- ★ Gather green tomatoes for ripening indoors or lay the plants on straw and cover with cloches.
- ★ Pot up any tender summer bedding (pelargoniums etc) and half hardy shrubs that will need to be overwintered under glass.

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