



Pretoria Road allotments, Patchway, Bristol

[Vegetable & Fruit September Growing Guide](#)

September is the end of summer although we're often lucky to have an Indian summer with blue skies and sunshine, nothing is certain with the weather. The bulk of the harvest comes home now and as crops, come out of plot begins to empty.

Sowing & Planting in September on the vegetable plot

As we leave summer behind and approach autumn, the rush to get things into the ground slows to a near halt, which is not to say that work stops! This is one of the busiest months with harvesting. It's worth sowing some winter hardy spring onions ready for spring, but make sure you get winter hardy.

You can sow lettuce like Artichoke King now they'll be ready in early spring as well. We think of lettuce as summer crop but actually they don't like too much heat and are surprisingly hardy.

Autumn onion sets can go in now to provide an early crop and plant out spring cabbages to slowly develop for next year.

Green Manure

Early September is the time to sow green manures as land becomes vacant. They perform three jobs for you.

1. First, they soak up any nutrients which would otherwise be washed away in winter rain. In fact sowing a legume such as Winter Tares or field beans will fix nitrogen from the air.
2. Second, they provide compost material and improve the soil structure.
3. Third, they prevent weed growth by crowding them out and that's less work for you.

If you are blessed with light soil then just leave them in over winter. In the spring you dig them in and allow them to rot down for a few weeks. If you've a heavy clay soil, dig them in when you do your late autumn, early winter digging.

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Calendar of events 2015

<p>January 2015</p>	<p>February 2015</p>	<p>March 2015</p>
<p>April 2015 Easter Festivities</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Sat 04.04.15</p>	<p>May 2015 Bacon butty morning</p> 	<p>June 2015</p>
<p>July 2015 Patchway Festival - Lottie open to public – BBQ, table top activities and scare-crow competition. Sat. July 11th 1.00pm– 5.00pm</p>  <p>.....</p>	<p>August 2015 Wine & Cheese Party Sat. August 29th 4.00pm– 6.00pm</p> 	<p>September 2015</p>
<p>October 2015</p>	<p>November 2015</p>	<p>December 2015</p>

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Following potatoes on with mustard can be useful for curbing eelworm but be aware that mustard is a brassica and best to avoid if you've a clubroot problem.

One of the best green manures for the winter growth is Hungarian grazing rye. It continues to grow, albeit slowly, in cold weather and should be around 15" tall come the spring from an early September sowing. Not only will you have a lush mass of foliage but it also produces a mass of roots that will provide humus for bacterial breakdown.

Cultivating

Keep feeding your tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers but it's not really worthwhile feeding other plants at this time of year as they are nearly finished and the nutrients are best saved for the spring. Keep the side shoots in check on the tomatoes.

Don't give up on the hoe, it's far better to hoe weeds away when you can hardly see them than when they're established. As the saying goes "How when you can't see a weed and you'll never see a weed. We live in hope.

Future Events

If there are any plot holders with new ideas for events this year please contact the committee on the official email address : allotmenteer@outlook.com You can of course just let a committee member know and we will consider any events, if there is sufficient funds.

AOB

The new website growpretoria@patchwayallotment.com is now up and running and you can find any news and minutes of previous AGM and Committee meetings, plus photos of our fun days.

The Committee are looking at erecting two compost bins at each end of the site and have them constructed by qualified tradesmen to ensure a safe and quality construction is carried out. We will notify you of the developments in the near future.

Can member plot holders, please submit to me any ideas of any aspect of growing your own vegetables and these will be included in the future Newsletters.

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