

What to do now in August.

- 1) Enjoy your holiday and ask a neighbour to look over your plot while you are away.
- 2) Keep harvesting your produce, particularly Courgettes, Peas and Beans.
- 3) Lift your second early potatoes. Keep maincrops well watered and earthed up.
- 4) Plant your Spring Cabbage plants.
- 5) Tie in the new growth of your Summer fruiting Raspberries. Remove last season's growth once it has finished fruiting. Autumn fruiting varieties are usually self supporting and will be coming into fruit now.
- 6) Cordons and other restricted forms of Apple and Pear growing will need pruning now. Cut back any new growth shoots to three shoots above last year's wood. Leave the fruiting spurs alone. Standard forms of these trees can be left alone.
- 7) Watering and weeding are the main tasks to keep on top of this month.
- 8) Support any tall varieties of Brassica with stakes,(eg, Brussel Sprouts) to stop a strong wind blowing them over. Earthing up the stems also helps.
- 9) Enjoy your produce!