

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS FUCHSIA SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



JAYNE'S JOTTINGS

I still have plenty to do in mum's garden. Her trees and shrubs have really taken over and I really need to concentrate on cleaning out the greenhouse so that I can start overwintering our fuchsias.

It does seem a shame because the fuchsias have more flowers now than ever, so I may leave them a little longer and just cross my fingers!

I thought I'd dig out a couple of articles from past years re overwintering as I'm sure we will all be busy overwintering in the weeks ahead.

▼ Down Memory Lane... article taken from our Newsletter, October 2007... ▼

OVERWINTERING FUCHSIAS

We must all be thinking of overwintering our fuchsias now, so here's some tips I found...

There is no point in trying to force them to continue flowering, rather encourage them to rest (what a shame!)

Reduce the amount of watering you give to your fuchsias which are still outside. Consider bringing all plants under cover.

Make sure that your storage area is clean and free from pests.

The plants themselves must be free from pests and diseases.

Remove all leaves.

Prune back some of the straggly stems.

When all leaves and debris are removed, spray with an insecticide and fungicide.

Don't pack the plants too tightly together.

Provide some sort of covering, some insulating material to protect from frosts.

OVERWINTERING FUCHSIAS

...here are a few tips I found whilst reading 'How to grow Fuchsias' by Ken Pilkington: -

- They need to be kept Frost Free
- The compost **MUST NEVER, EVER** be allowed to become completely dry
- Young Plants: Plants that have started life as cuttings in midsummer and autumn, and any other plants in which growth is still soft will have to be grown on in normal light and gentle warmth
- Mature Plants: All plants on which the growth has ripened can be overwintered by using any of the following methods:
 - Keep in any frost free area
 - Partially Burying
 - Completely burying
 - Keep in a moderately heated greenhouse

PREPARATION:

- Prune Plants back by about a third
- Cut off (don't pull!) the leaves, this will help remove any unwanted pests and diseases
- Plants can then be placed closed together
- You will not have leaves yellowing and falling off the plants to cause possible disease problems
- Water any plant, using *TEPID* water, when the compost shows signs of becoming dry



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Please try it and encourage others too. Don't forget if you make any purchases on the internet, to go through our webshop to make sure we receive commission from the retailers (currently over 2000 well known retailers), the address is <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/nottsfuchsia> .



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PLANNER FOR 2026

22 SEPTEMBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: Andrew Cathcart Subject: <i>Species Fuchsias</i> **ZOOM
27 OCTOBER	MONTHLY MEETING – SPEAKER: David Charlton Subject: <i>Flowers of the Dolomites</i>
24 NOVEMBER	AGM & MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENING Remember we have our Xmas Buffet to look forward to after the AGM, so please bring along something for the table.