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Newsletter

Let's talk compost

Recycling your garden and kitchen food waste into home-made compost is both easy and environmentally friendly.



Quick facts

- Use 'green' waste and 'brown' waste
- Compost bins can be small or large, to suit your space and amount of waste
- Choose a sheltered, shady spot for your compost bin, ideally directly on the soil

There are two main types of composting material:

- **Green** 25-50% – this is usually soft, leafy material, including grass clippings, sappy green plants (such as annual weeds), crop waste, leaves, old fruit and vegetables and kitchen peelings.



- **Brown** 75-50%) – mainly dry woody waste, such as prunings and hedge-trimmings (shredded, chipped or chopped up), and other dried materials such as dead stems and straw, as well as torn-up or shredded paper and cardboard.

Have a balanced mix grass clippings with brown material when you add them to the bin. Chop up or shred any long stems or pruning's before adding them, as well as any paper or cardboard, to help them break down better.

Keep your compost materials well balanced and try to turn over or mix your compost about 2 times a year. This is so it does not become too compacted. Also, you don't want it too wet or too dry.

For more information go to www.rhs.org.uk/soil-composts-mulches/composting

Join our **CHURCH GARDENING CLUB**

Come along and have some gardening fun.

Meet new people, make new friends.

If you are unable to join us perhaps you can help us by donating some of your unwanted gardening items.

We would like your help to make our grounds more insect and animal friendly so if you could donate any of the following, we will be very grateful.

Just bring your donation along on 1st Saturday of every month between 10am -12pm, or contact us to arrange a pickup (see below)

Items wanted to help our gardens to flourish.

Please donate your unwanted **Seeds, Plants or Bulbs**

We would love your unwanted **large plant pots** so we can put them around the grounds – please let us know if we need to collect them from you.

Leftover or unwanted bags of planting compost

Your unwanted garden tools and garden canes would come in very handy.

If you have an unused water butt, we can use it.

Do you have any unwanted planks of treated wood we can use to mend our raised planters and/or do you have the time and know how to help us fix them and/or make new ones.

Thank you in advance for your donations and we hope to see you at our Gardening Club very soon.



Please get in touch with the Parish Office via email stalbanofferton@gmail.com or telephone 0161 477 0456 – the parish office is open Monday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm.