



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



Dear Subscriber

Awesome August...

We have just completed our show season, earlier than usual because Yvonne is going into hospital on Tuesday for a second hip replacement - see side note opposite.

A 'golden' show season

This is the first show season where we have had Gold Awards for all our displays. To celebrate we have created a [webpage](#) on our site, listing the shows and linking images and videos. We plan to add exhibit plant lists to this page over the coming weeks just in case you see something you like the look of - stay tuned...

Hosta 'Miracle Lemony' - update

Despite our grave misgivings about this plant it appears to be struggling to survive, and has sent out new shoots. We will keep you informed of progress.

Damping off

We have had a handful of customers who have lost plants this season due to damping off, which is when the roots get too wet. *Hosta* are not aquatic and will rot like any other perennial left in wet conditions for a prolonged period. If you have your plants in a part of the garden, which doesn't drain readily, raise them on a mound of soil, so the crowns are well above the soil level. If your plants are in containers, water from below by sitting your pots in shallow dishes or trays. This allows the plant to take what it needs, and helps avoid the risk of over watering.

Happy gardening

Team Mickfield



Nursery Closed 1st-10th August...

We thought it best to close the nursery for a few days so we can focus on getting into a new routine post Yvonne's operation.

We hope this doesn't inconvenience anyone but if you were considering travelling a distance to see us over this period, please call 01449 711576, and we will see what we can do to organise an appointment.

**We will open again on
Thursday 11th August**
Mail order and enquiries will be dealt with as usual.



Here are the Gold Medal cards we received for our displays this season.

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