



MICKFIELD HOSTAS



[Hosta 'Mourning Dove'](#) from below - it's a jungle out there!

Dear subscriber

We have just returned from the Harrogate Spring Flower Show, so the season is well underway.

Although the new hall is much lighter, my camera struggled to focus, so the video footage is a little fuzzy at times. The best light effect was happening underneath the plants (see image above) but we couldn't encourage folks to lie down to view the display! It didn't matter because the judges and public loved the display and we had lots of great feedback. A Premier Gold award has started the year off well.

Nursery update

Now Roy is based at the nursery most of the time, he is making excellent progress managing to show-horn many of the plants we have had out in the open, into the old collection tunnel. He is busy widening the benching to do this, and re-potting plants as he goes.

The varieties still exposed have handled the changeable weather very well but we may need to remove some frost damaged leaves to encourage fresh ones to develop.

Don't worry about doing this if your plants have succumbed to the late frosts. If the leaves have lost their substance and appear transparent then they will not be able to do their job well, so removing them is the best bet to encourage the plant to produce fresh ones.

If we can get all the plants, which were in the new tunnel, into the old one then we can work on making new space when we begin planting out the new garden in the autumn.

Shows update

Malvern Spring: don't forget to let us know of any pre-orders by the



Harrogate Spring Flower Show

A short tour of our Premier Gold display at the show.



Another view from below. This time of [H. 'Alligator Shoes'](#). This lovely cultivar featured

end of the week (Friday 5th May), so we can bring them along with us. [Visit the show website](#)

Gardeners' World: our stand number has changed to FM55, the position has stayed the same though, so you can find us where we have been for the past few years. [Visit the show website](#)

More locally...

[The Hadleigh Show](#): this year we will be just outside the floral tent, so you won't miss us!

The [Plant Lovers Day](#) at Creake Abbey and the [Helmingham Spring Fair](#) are both on in May, as is the [Suffolk Show](#), so lots of opportunities to catch up with us out and about in the region.

Don't forget the nursery is open Fridays through to Mondays every week and the collection plants are starting to look fabulous.

Hope to see you soon,

Team Mickfield

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in our display at the show. A full list of the varieties we used on in the display [is available here](#).

Need some help?

Keen to grow hostas in your garden but bewildered by the choice?

We are happy to put a selection of companion plants together for you. An idea of your budget, together with the size and number of plants required, is a good starting point.