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Surviving the Pollen Season

Top Tips

Hay fever, also known as allergic rhinitis, is a common condition affecting millions of us. It's caused by an allergic reaction to pollen, typically from trees, grass, and weeds. Symptoms include sneezing, a runny or blocked nose, itchy eyes, and coughing.

To manage hay fever symptoms, both medical and holistic approaches can be effective. Medically, antihistamines are the primary treatment, available over the counter at pharmacies, as tablets, syrups, or nasal sprays.



Holistically, several strategies can minimize exposure to pollen:

- Check pollen forecasts and stay indoors when counts are high, especially between 10am and 4pm.
- Apply petroleum jelly around

your nostrils to trap pollen.

- Wear wraparound sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats outdoors to protect eyes.
- Shower and change clothes after being outside to remove pollen.
- Keep windows and doors closed during high pollen periods and invest in an air purifier.
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Growing vegetables: seeds or plugs?

hen it comes to growing our own vegetables,

one of the first decisions we face is whether to start from seed or to buy young plug plants. Both methods have their advantages and drawbacks, and the right choice often depends on our experience, time, and gardening goals. Here's a breakdown of the pros and cons to help you decide which approach suits you best.

Sowing from Seed

Pros: Sowing vegetables from seed offers variety, affordability, and satisfaction. Seed packets are relatively inexpensive, and one packet can yield dozens—if not hundreds—of plants. They also provide access to a broader range of varieties than you'll typically find in garden centres. if you want heirloom tomatoes or rare purple carrots then seeds are your best bet.

Starting from seed will also give you complete control over your plants' early growth. You'll know exactly how they've been treated, what compost has been used, and whether they've been exposed to any chemicals. For many gardeners, this transparency is a big plus.

Cons: However, growing



from seed does require time, patience, and a little bit of skill. Seeds need the right conditions to germinate - usually warmth, moisture, and light - and some varieties are trickier than others. You'll need to sow them at the right time, monitor them daily, and often transplant seedlings to bigger pots before they go into the ground. It's rewarding, but not without effort.

Buying Plug Plants

Plug plants, also known as starts or transplants, are young vegetable plants that have already been germinated and grown for a few weeks.

Pros: The biggest advantage here is convenience. You can

here is convenience. You can skip the tricky germination stage and go straight to planting them in the ground or containers. This saves time and reduces the chances

of early failure. Plug plants are therefore ideal for beginners or busy people who still like to garden.
They're a reliable choice for vegetables with long growing seasons, like tomatoes or peppers, especially if the weather is cooler and it isn't practical for you to start the seeds off early indoors.

Cons: The trade-off are cost and variety. Plug plants are more expensive than seeds and often come in limited selections. You may only find standard varieties, not the unique or heritage ones you could grow from seed. Additionally, you won't know how the young plants were raised—some may have been treated with chemicals or stressed in transit.

So, it all really depends on vour priorities. Seeds offer choice and value but require time and care. Plugs offer ease and speed but at a higher cost and with less variety. Many aardeners find a balance. starting some vegetables from seed and buying plugs for others. And remember, nothing is set in stone when you're gardening. If plugs get you comfortable growing your own veg, maybe you'll feel confident enough to try seeds next time. There's always a next year when it comes to growing.

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Book Review Arthur and Me by Sarah Todd Taylor

rthur and Me is a charming, whimsical tale that blends adventure, humour, and history.

Tomos is struggling on the school history trip. They are supposed to be studying King Arthur, but the class bully has taken his lunch, and he seems to be in constant trouble. Then he falls down a hole and manages to wake the real King Arthur. While this is something of a surprise to both of them, it seems that Tomos finally has a chance to impress his teacher.

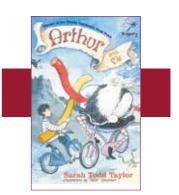
But Arthur, with all his

grandeur, chivalry, and medieval quirks, struggles to adapt to the modern world, leading to a series of madcap adventures.

As Tomos tries to help
Arthur return to his own time,
the two form an unlikely
friendship. Arthur's chivalric
code often clashes hilariously
with modern sensibilities,
but it also inspires Tomos to
find courage and integrity
in his own life. Together,
they navigate obstacles,
uncover hidden truths, and
ultimately learn valuable
lessons about brayery.

friendship, and self-discovery.

The wit and storytelling is pitched at ages around seven to nine and will leave young readers reflecting on what it means to be a true hero.



Asparagus Tart

Asparagus has such a short season. Make the most of it with this delicious creamy tart



Chill time: 20 minutes Cooking time: 1hr 10 minutes

Serves: 4-6

Ingredients

Pastry

225g plain flour, plus extra to dust Salt and white pepper 120g cold butter, plus extra to grease 1 egg yolk (If time is tight you can use 250g ready-made shortcrust pastry)

Filling

300g asparagus 284ml carton double cream 2 eggs, beaten. 50g tasty cheddar

Method

If you're not using ready made pastry you'll need to make the dough. Siff the flour and a good pinch

of salt in a large bowl. Grate the butter into the bowl. Rub the butter into the flour with your fingertips until the mixture resembles rough breadcrumbs (or use the pulse function on a food processor if you have one). Mix in the egg yolk and bring the mix together into a dough. If it's too crumbly to form into a ball, add a little cold water. Don't le the dough get too wet, or it will shrink in the oven. Wrap the dough and chill it in the fridge for 20 minutes to make it easier to work. Grease a round, 22cmdiameter tart tin. Heat the oven to 200C /180C fan / gas 6. Remove the

dough from the fridge and roll it into a circle on a lightly floured surface until large enough to line the tin, then

carefully lift it into the tin, and press the pastry into the sides. Trim the excess, and prick the base with a fork, then line with baking paper and fill with baking beans, or rice. Bake for 15 minutes, until lightly golden, then carefully remove the paper and baking beans. Return the tart base to the oven for five minutes. Snap the woody bits from the base of the asparagus, then steam the spears for a few minutes, but leave al dente because they will cook more in the oven. Chop the asparagus into 1.5cm lengths and set the pretty tops aside for later. Place half the chopped stalks into a food processor and blitz to a puree. Pour the double cream into a jug, then beat in the eggs. Mix in the asparagus puree and grated cheese then season well with salt and white pepper. Arrange the remaining asparagus pieces, including the tops, on the base of the pastry, then pour the egg mixture over the top to fill the case. Bake for about 35-40 minutes, until set and golden on top, but it should wobble a little in the middle. Leave to cool, then serve.

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