

The Trelawney Gardening Year

What To Do In The Garden In...

March

Flowers:

Prepare ground for sowing of hardy annuals by forking the soil & adding a general purpose fertiliser.

Plant out un-sprouted dahlia tubers & cover them with a mulch to protect against any frosts.

Fruit:

Spray apples & pears with fungicide to prevent scab disease.

Tie in new shoots of cane fruits to their supports.

Vegetables:

Thin out sowings of broad beans & peas made last month & insert stakes or supports.

Give spring cabbages a nitrogenous fertilizer to encourage growth.

Trees & Shrubs:

Prune bush, hybrid tea & floribunda roses & shorten tips of lateral growths on climbing roses to encourage more blooms.

Set out hedging plants in ground prepared last month

Under Glass:

Take cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias, fuchsia & pelargonium. Also perpetual flowering carnations.

Sow melons, cucumbers, sweetcorn, aubergines & peppers

And Don't Forget....

Tread and firm soil loosened by frost and re-firm plants rocked by the wind.