



o September is a good month for laying turf or for starting a new lawn from seed.

o Before leaves start to fall, place netting over your pond. Do check the netting regularly to make sure no frogs or newts are trapped.

o Now is a good time for planting perennials. The soil is still warm and the autumn rains will help the roots to establish.

o Continue picking tomatoes, courgettes, beans and other tender veg. September is pickle and chutney making month!

o Order and plant spring bulbs, there's always room for a few more! Consider planting in an area where the bulbs can be left to naturalise. Remember that the planting hole needs to be roughly three times the height of the bulb.

o To maximise on reducing light levels remove all shade paint from your greenhouse glass and give it a good wash.

o Salad leaves started now will keep you going throughout the winter.

o Plant onion sets, shallots and garlic for an early crop next year.

o Towards the end of the month plant indoor bulbs to force for Christmas flowering.

o Hardy annuals including sweet peas can be sown now. Protect over winter and your reward will be strong, early flowering plants next summer.

