

## **Charity Plant Sales 2021**

Dear villager

The continuing 'lockdown' has certainly changed the way we live our lives, and make plans for the year ahead.

And it's also hard to believe that it was last April when I wrote to say that we would be cancelling our plant sale and coffee morning, hinting also that the Brayford Duck Race might be off too.

Despite the hastily arranged distribution approach, following some pretty frantic online sales, we raised around £1500 in support of the North Devon Hospice and Brayford Village Hall.

The sales organisation was difficult, as we had to piece it together alongside our own 'real work', but after nearly 150 trips we delivered plants to 60 or 70 different homes. Although at the end of the effort I did say, 'that's it – never again!'

But almost a year on, here we are again - the first greenhouse already full of plants, number two and three expectantly waiting in the wings; seeds and soil purchased; 'baby plugs' just bursting to go, but with overnight temperatures about to fall again, springtime enthusiasm has to be tempered!

And so, subject to any prevailing COVID-19 protocols, this is what we are planning for the Spring.

**The Lamb Cottage, Charles, Charity Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, raising money for The Children's Hospice South West (Barnstaple) and North Devon Against Domestic Abuse.**

The contingency plans that could be called upon, if the current COVID-19 protocols are not removed, include: restricted visits to our garden, with allotted time slots; online orders with collection from our drive; online orders with delivery as last year.

In the event that the Brayford Duck Race takes place, all of our unsold stock, together with a supply of vegetable plants, will be on sale by the river, as in previous years.

This year we will be growing more plants than ever before – in an attempt to raise loads of much needed cash for our two charities – every penny that we receive goes to the good causes, so to keep our costs down we always appreciate the donation of old seed trays and pots. But if you do drop some off, please could you wash them first, to reduce the risk of plant disease (and COVID-19).

To avoid 'disappointment' you can place your order now – collection or delivery will be subject to any future government guidance. And of course, payment will be on collection/delivery.

Place your order by phone:

01 598 711828

07944 528501

Or by email:

[justsolutions@btinternet.com](mailto:justsolutions@btinternet.com)

Keep safe and enjoy your garden.

**The price list is attached.**

**Please forward this note to friends and relatives.**

And finally, if you have any particular plant needs that our list fails to satisfy – please let us know by the end of February, we might be able to help.

Best wishes

Dianne and Howard Tolley

Lamb Cottage

Charles