

## Reminders and tips for February

- Make sure garden birds have food and water
- Apply organic based fertilisers
- Continue planting trees, shrubs and fruit trees and bushes as the weather allows
- Firm newly planted trees and shrubs if lifted by frost
- Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering, including winter heathers
- Prune summer-flowering shrubs that flower on new wood
- Prune hardy evergreen trees and shrubs
- Prune jasmines and late summer flowering clematis
- Cut off old stems from herbaceous perennials
- Start dahlia tubers into growth
- Divide and plant snowdrops
- Repot or top-dress shrubs in containers
- Bring in the last of spring bulbs being forced
- Prepare seedbeds for vegetables
- Lime vegetable plots if necessary
- Mulch fruit trees after feeding
- Protect gooseberry bushes from bird damage
- Prick out or pot up seedlings sown last month
- Start tender perennials under cover into growth
- Cut back overgrown shrubs and hedges before the nesting season starts
- Finish pruning fruit