

## Reminders and tips for March

- Mulch bare soil in beds and borders
- Move evergreen shrubs
- Finish pruning bush and shrub rose
- Prune shrubs with colourful winter stems
- Propagate shrubs by layering
- Increase stocks of perennials by taking basal stem cuttings from new shoots
- Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- Split polyanthus after flowering
- Take cuttings from dahlia tubers
- Plant summer flowering bulbs
- Sow sweet peas outdoors or plant out young plants raised under cover. Pinch out growing tips of young sweet peas to encourage sideshoots
- Sow hardy annuals where they are to flower
- Reseed bare patches in the lawn
- Start mowing lawns regularly
- Take pumps out of store and put them back in the pond and begin feeding fish
- Sow vegetables outside and harden off young plants to put outside
- Plant early potatoes and asparagus
- Protect fruit blossom against late frosts
- Sow half-hardy annuals and other frost-tender bedding plants under cover
- Water indoor plants regularly now the weather is warming up
- Finish planting bare rooted trees and shrubs and new fruit trees and shrubs
- This is the last time to plant snowdrops and winter aconites