



## Press Release

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### Blooming Marvellous

Thousands of flowers are to be given away this month as part of Coventry's popular plant giveaway.

Hundreds of people are expected at the annual, free event which is held by CV One, the not-for-profit company which manages and promotes the city centre.

English Landscapes, CV One's cleaning and greening agency, is currently removing the perennial spring bedding display from the city centre's flower tubs and borders in preparation for summer planting.

Instead of throwing them away, English Landscapes are offering the plants to keen Coventry gardeners for their own back gardens.

It will be the tenth year the event has been held and will take place close between Marks & Spencers and Waterstones on Smithford Way on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Plants will be issued on a first come, first served basis from 10:00am onwards.

The giveaway is part of Coventry's preparation to make room for this year's Heart of England in Bloom competition, which is expected to be a huge success. Regional judges will inspect Coventry city centre on floral displays, cleanliness, the general environment and community involvement.

Gary Pittaway, Operations Manager for CV One believes the plant giveaway will prove as popular as ever.

He said:

**“The event is always well attended and the plants go very quickly, so it is best to arrive early to avoid disappointment.**

**“We started the giveaway as a one-off but we have continued with it each year we take part with the Bloom campaign because it has proved so successful.**

**“It is really good to involve the community in city centre planting schemes and we are pleased that local people are helping us to recycle these spring plants and that we can help enhance their garden in return.”**

Gary added:

**“The bulk of the plants are vividly coloured polyanthus and pansies, which will come up year after year if well looked after.”**

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