



# Open Gardens Manuden 2018 Sunday 8th July

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Yes dear reader, it's the monthly reminder that this year we open our gardens in Manuden again! I am pleased to say that the plans for this year are underway. Don't forget that we need all sorts of gardens to open not just large ones! So have a ponder and think about including yours!

With this in mind here are a couple of top tips for March to help you with some jobs in the garden for this time of year. Now is the time to prune roses if you haven't done it before. The garden is hopefully beginning to wake up now that is if we are not under a few inches of snow! It seems every time I write this article snow is forecast and it feels to me as though it has been a rather long old haul through this winter even if the official figures say different!

Hard prune buddleia now and feed daffodils with a slow release fertiliser such as grow-more just sprinkle around and it really helps next year's flowers. Look out for bright red lily beetles. They are also waking up now and if you see one squash it! They can shred Lilly foliage and Crown Imperials and it's not too early to hunt them out! You can also plant summer flowering bulbs now such as lilies. If you're not sure where, plant them in a pot and pop in the ground later on.

More details to follow – if you would like to open your garden this summer then please **contact** us on:-

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