




robin tacchi plants





Who is robin tacchi plants?

Established almost a quarter of a century ago, Robin Tacchi Plants has grown to be one of the UK's principal nurseries and suppliers to the landscape and horticultural industries.

In 1983 founder Robin Tacchi, already an acknowledged forerunner in the development of container production, made the decision to establish his own company, the basic principles of which the company still upholds today. Robin's determination for strong bushy plants that were able to withstand harsh conditions and exceed the exacting high standards necessary for the industry is demonstrated by rtp's high quality plants.

The company takes pride not only on the quality of its plants, but also on its customer care, and has rapidly achieved a reputation for their experience, cost effectiveness and the ability to react quickly to meet clients' needs. This versatile approach to each situation and attention to detail has helped to secure many leading successful contracts. Today the nursery on two sites covers eighteen acres, 7 hectares and produces over a million containers a year.

Robin Tacchi explains, "We have our roots in providing top quality cost effective solutions to meet our clients, needs. We provide the finest container plants from two litres up to eighty litres and as ever we pride ourselves on a quality of service that has earned us a reputation as one of the UK's leading reliable and respected producers."



New plants, new thinking

Cheapest price, cheap plants always lead to future problems – establishment, pests and diseases. We do not cut costs at the expense of our plants: our compost has 14-16 months feed to help growth after planting. We introduce 'Intercept' into the compost at potting to protect against vine weevil – a disaster if introduced onto site. We space the pots to encourage bushiness and prune to increase the numbers of breaks. Our range from 3L to 80L are high specification, robust, bushy plants especially grown to withstand the rigours of hostile sites.

5 litre pots - a cost effective way of achieving a bushy, high impact plant which is easy and economical to handle. The extra compost volume produces a first-rate plant, perfect for rapid establishment without being pot bound. Used in conjunction with larger 15L specimens for structure, and 2L groundcover and herbaceous, they help produce a well balanced effective scheme.

This also is a very good size for the more vigorous grasses – they grow exceptionally well, achieving very good dense clumps and the 5 litre size produces excellent key architectural herbaceous plants.

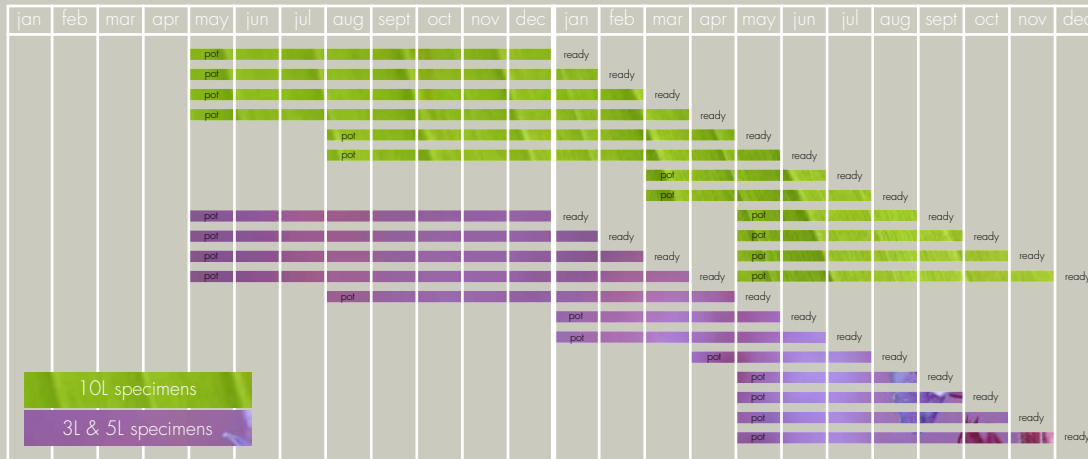
5L - Plants like it - It has impact value - Ideal size for optimising growth and quality - Easy to handle, transport and plant efficiently - Economical.

Containers to suit you

Wherever possible the best approach to a project is to allow enough time for proper planning. By giving us enough time to contract grow your plants for your scheme, you get: the full pallet of plants at the best possible specification - availability for delivery on time - most cost effective way of procurement for the budget.

This schedule gives an indication of the lead in time required for contract growing shrubs. Different varieties may take less growing time to achieve specification and, of course, we cannot guarantee ideal weather. Perennials, depending on varieties, are generally much quicker to produce.

Lead schedule indicating the growing time and planting times for 10L, 5L and 3L plants



Supplier of quality plants to:

- Admirals Park
- A.E.L.T.C. Wimbledon
- American Community School – St Johns Wood
- Arlington Business Park
- Ashford Outlet Village
- Battersea Reach
- Brentford Lock
- Broomfield Hospital
- Blue Orchid
- Bluewater Park – Dartford
350,00 container plants
- BT Leavesden Park
- Cambridge Science Park
- Canada Square
- Canary Wharf Riverside
- Cannon Street
- Centennial Park
- Chatham Maritime
- Chelsea Show
- Chelsea Village
- Cheyne Walk
- City Park Hove
- Countryside Properties plc
- Crossways Business Park
- Croydon Tramlink
- Dagenham Centre of Excellence
- Duke of York HQ
- Excel Centre
- Farnborough Business Park
- Fulham Broadway
- Galaxy – Heathrow
- Garden of Peace
- Green Park
- Harrow Schools
- Indian High Commission
- Ingress Park
- Jubilee Park, Canary Wharf
- Kew Riverside
- Landford Locks
- Maidenbower School
- Macarthy & Stone
- Marsh Farm
- Microsoft
- Morrisons Stores
- Novartis Pharmaceuticals
- Nuffield Hospitals
- Oxford Business Park
- Paddington Central
- Paragon Project
- Pfizer
- Pimlico Project
- Princess Diana Memorial Fountain
- Project Blue
- Prospect House
- Queen Elizabeth Park
- Queenwood Golf Club
- Redhill
- Repton Park
- Riverside Park Staines
- Rowenbury House
- Royal Albert Hall
- Royal Arsenal
- Royal Bank of Scotland, Southend
- Royal Development, Guernsey
- Royal Middlesex Hospital
- Royal Pavilion
- Royal Philanthropic Farm
- Sainsburys nationwide
- Scottish Equitable
- Sentinel Point
- Solent Business Park
- Southampton General Hospital
- St James' Gate
- St Johns Innovation Park
- Sun Life Bristol
- Sun Microsystems
- Tescos nationwide
- The Grove Country Park
- The Pines Knockholt
- Tidworth Garrison
- Tower Moat Gardens
- Toyota HQ
- Guildford Tramlink
- Tusmore House
- University of Westminster
- Vincent Street
- Wooldale Centre
- Wroughton Park & Ride
- Zammatt





Illington is the 21st Century



Our commitment to the health and future of the UK Horticulture Industry means keeping up with competition from the UK and abroad and raising standards. Antiquated nursery sites prolong antiquated methods. This new site is an essential tool for meeting the demands of the 21st century. Using the most cost effective methods we produce strong, bushy, high spec. plants which are pest and disease free.

We identified 3 key problem areas: land, water and staff, and we solved them.

Land: 11 acres (5 hectares) now developed with 70 acres (30 hectares) available room for proper spacing to produce bushy plants. This greenfield site lends itself well to efficient mechanisation. Site conditions for plant growth – an open site and undulating land gives constant air movement – ideal for healthy production of many plants especially Hebes.

Water: 500 million gallon reservoir storing water from winter abstraction. A drainage system for efficient recycling has been installed for future development.

Staff: Excellent, experienced and adaptable team of production workers complemented by seasonal workers which are readily available in this agricultural based region.

By the use of highly efficient potting methods and by increasing the bark content we have succeeded in reducing peat use by up to 25%.

Illington timetable

- October 2002 final site inspection before decision
- March 2003 – race begins to make site ready for first plants. Site to be ready for potting to begin first week May 2003
- Multispan 1 erected April 2003
- 16 beds formed each holding 12,000 2/3L pots
- First week May 2003– potting begins at 12,000 2 & 3L pots a day with use of conveyors to reduce handling and increase speed
- 250,000 plants potted in 20 days
- First plants ready and dispatched July 2003
- Central roadway laid October 2003 with integral drainage for recycling
- Multispan 2 erected November 2003
- Multispan 3 erected May 2004
- 14 beds formed each holding 12,000 2/3L pots
- New mobile potting machine - 2 people on machine, 2 people standing down 1 supervisor – 20,000 plants per day with 5 operators
- 500,000 plants potted in **25** days



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