



DALEFOOT COMPOSTS

Mail Order Compost

Hitting the headlines again.....



"Sustainable Wool Compost is a great alternative to peat"
Adam Pasco, Editor

Gardeners World Magazine

ITV 'This Morning' June 2008 - *Garden Gadgets*
'Country Living' Magazine June 2008
BBC Scotland Television - 'Beechgrove'
BBC Radio Scotland - 'Beechgrove Potting Shed'
English Gardens August 2008
The Lady August 2008
Gardeners World Magazine - *Best Buys*
Glowing reviews on Scottish TV Gardening programme 'Beechgrove' and for those of you who mourn a good, down to earth gardening programme I'd highly recommend it - BBC Scotland Television Wednesday's 7.30 p.m. or catch up with them on their website www.beechgrove.co.uk

Autumn Newsletter 2008

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Here it is our Autumn Newsletter - hot off the press!

A very warm welcome to all our new customers who have joined us as our 'compost roadshow' has travelled around the flower and garden shows this summer. Hopefully you will all enjoy reading our latest news and features. We aim at two issues a year but sometimes (as happened this year) time rolled on and before we knew it Spring had sprung into Autumn! We're wondering where summer has gone here in the Lake District - where does time go?

Wool wisdom.....

"I used Wool Compost mixed into the planting holes of new beds we have been creating, and also in a number of pots...I must say that the results have been uniformly excellent, so we shall certainly be ordering more in the near future."

Kathryn Bradley-Hole, - Country Life August 23, 2007

James Alexander Sinclair whilst using our compost at a demonstration at Malvern Spring Show remarked that Joe Swift should have a pot of Wool Compost under his bed as it felt like a ladies silk underwear!



Our entry into Witherslack Scarecrow competition with Shaun the sheep and "the close shave" won us first prize in the celebrity category. (Shaun and not us were the celebrities!!)



Autumn Offer



16 bags for the price of 12
We are always looking at ways of reducing the cost to you and by sending compost by the pallet, transport costs are reduced. The pallet arrives on a small lorry and is off loaded for you.

28 bags for the price of 20
Why not share a pallet - allotment holders combine your orders - or just ask family, friends or neighbours.

You can have a mixed bag pallet at the reduced price too.

*****Ericaceous compost*****

We are aiming to launch a new ericaceous compost next year. We have been able to isolate the bracken which comes from acid soils (we normally mix the bracken from all our sources) and this provides a brilliant acidic base for our new compost. More news in Spring!!

AUTUMN SHOW SCHEDULE

Where we'll be and when:

September

- 5-7th Amateur Gardening Show, Bath and West Showground
- 12-14 Harrogate Flower Show, Stand S88
- Great Yorkshire Show ground.
- 27-29 Malvern Autumn Flower Show, Three Counties Showground

Double Strength or not?

Our new **Wool Compost™** has been undergoing some name changes recently - as we are getting feedback from growers who have been trialling it. We want to make it clear that it does what it says on the packet!

Wool Compost™ (previously called No. 1) is a ready mixed compost - usable direct from the bag to pot up well rooted plants. It is a strong compost to boost plant growth and now with a more refined texture.

Double Strength Wool Compost™ is as the name suggests a really strong 'double strength' compost designed for you to mix your own potting medium using soil or spent compost. As a guide you should mix 1 part soil to 1 part wool compost for well grown plants, or 2 parts soil to 1 part wool compost for small, tender plants. This has the advantage that you can order one bag - and make up double the amount of potting compost - saving money and reducing transport as well.

This compost can also be added directly to your soil as a top dressing or into planting pits to boost all your plants.

Simon is currently working at producing a seed compost and an ericaceous compost for next year, so watch this space.

Dalefoot Diary

We rejoiced at Dalefoot this spring as Betsy, our 20 yr old original Fell Pony (as seen on our website) produced a surprise foal - Icarus, he was later joined by our other foals Imogen and Ignatius. We now have seven young fell ponies for sale if anyone is interested.

Lambing was fast and furious this year and with Simon away at Spring flower shows my evenings and weekends were very busy.... Either the sheep can run faster or I am feeling my age, my dog Button looks on with dismay as I fail to catch yet another 50kg flying ovine not convinced of my motives of simply trying to help. After an 'all-in wrestling' match and macrame'd legs new life was invariably extracted from a reluctant sheep. Arabella (now 3) wielded latex gloves and lambing gel like a true professional and remains constant in her determination to become a vet even when things didn't go too well. And as usual we are left with pet lambs - five this year 'Pinky', 'Perky', 'Jessica' and two who remain nameless!

We've now joined the ranks of pony showing - no not the plaited variety simply the unregistered lead rein classes and got a third at our first outing. We also took our Ermintrude (the Dales) only we nearly didn't bring her back!! It was either that or it was going to be a long walk home.... But with the help of our 'well built neighbour as anchorman Ermintrude was eventually persuaded of the benefits of returning home by trailer accompanied by expressions such as ".....never again.....!!!" We are giving it another go on the 14th at another local Agricultural Show, so if you see a pony being walked west along the A66 that afternoon you'll know it's us. More tales next time. *Jane*

Hello, I have just started helping Jane and Simon in the office - so if you phone up you may talk to me! My name is Linda and I moved to a small cottage on the fell near to Dalefoot two years ago. I am busy renovating the house and barn and am attempting to renew the garden and create a vegetable plot. Having come from "down south" it is very noticeable that my efforts in the garden here are very mis-timed. I always plant things far too early and without the aid of a greenhouse - I then have to wait for weeks before I see any sign of growth. I was given some chickens and Indian Runner ducks last year and I love to see them free-ranging - the ducks head off down to the beck every day - but they insist on digging up the garden. It is fine in the winter as they rake over the soil and compost pile and they are very good at keeping the snail population down, but I must find some way of keeping them off the garden now I am putting in new seeds. I am also finding out how important it is to keep gates closed, as the sheep that graze on the common around the house do like to come in and graze on the lawn and eat the plants from my tubs. Woolie jumpers have a different meaning here! *Linda*



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- Post it to us at the address below
- Alternatively you can always phone/ fax your order 01931 713281
- Please make cheques payable to Barker & Bland
- Charges **inclusive** of carriage

N.B. WE DELIVER MIXED PALLETTS AND WILL CHARGE THE COMBINED RATE:

	Wool Compost (No 1)		No of bags and	Cost
	Double Strength Wool Compost and Lakeland Gold	Horsepower	which compost	
2-5 bags	9.99 each	9.99
6-11 bags	9.50 each	9.50
12-16 bags (on a pallet)	9.00 each	7.00
20 bags	8.50 each	6.50
25 bags	8.00 each	6.00
30 bags	7.50 each	5.50
50 + bags	6.50 each	4.50

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Any Delivery Instructions? E.g., If no one in, please leave on the patio.

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