The Garden Doctor's Jobs for the Month – October

- Sow green manures to retain nutrients in the soil over winter and avoid the winter rains leaching them out
- Sow Broad Beans for an early spring crop
- Lift and divide rhubarb crowns
- Cut out the fruited canes of hybrid berries and tie in the new canes for next years crop
- Plant out spring bedding plants such as wallflowers, forget-menots and polyanthas
- Complete the potting up of prepared hyacinths for Christmas displays
- Prune climbing and bush roses
- Take hardwood cuttings of roses, dogwoods and willow
- Plant hedges, trees and move trees and shrubs
- Lay turf if weather conditions allow
- Apply autumn lawn feed
- Apply grease bands to fruit trees to trap winter moth infestation
- Sow sweet peas for an earlier display and hardier plants next summer
- Finish planting autumn onion sets
- Plant garlic
- Tidy up old foliage and runners on strawberry plants