

AN INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTINA

TRANSCRIPT

• How often do you take care of your garden?

I work in my garden every day unless it is raining. I can't work outside when it's raining so I only do my gardening in the spring and summer but not in the winter.

What kind of house do you live in?

I live in a bungalow that is detached. It is like a house but it's all on the ground floor. I have kitchen, a sitting room, 3 bedrooms, a bathroom and of course a rear and front garden.

What are the typical vegetables people grow in your area?

In my area, most people grow potatoes, carrots, peas, beans.

How big is your garden?

My front garden is 15 square metres and it's all grass. My rear garden is 100 square metres and it's grass with a sitting area, flower borders and, of course, a vegetable plot.

What kind of vegetables do you grow?

In my garden, I grow potatoes, carrots, beans and sprouts.

Do you grow anything else apart from vegetables?

I grow some flowers and strawberries, which I make jam from.

Do you grow any exotic fruit?

No, I don't grow any exotic fruits because we have too much rain and it's too cold so we cannot grow any of these fruits.

• Do you have a greenhouse? How big? What material is it made of?

Yes, I have a greenhouse. It is made of glass and it is about 6 square metres. Here I grow my flowers from seed and in the summer I also grow cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers.

Do you need help in your garden?

No, I don't need help in my garden. I do it all myself.

• Is it common for people in the UK to have a garden?

Yes, it is very common to have a garden in England but not everybody has a vegetable patch. Most people just have a grass area and a sitting area.

Do you sell what you grow?

No, I do not sell what I grow. Things that I cannot eat I give away to family, friends, neighbours. And sometimes I freeze the vegetables to eat in the winter.

What's the weather like in the area where you live?

Where I live it's usually rainy and cold, but in the summertime it can get quite hot so I have to water the garden. But when it rains, it makes the grass grow very quickly and you have to cut it every week, which is hard work.

Why is gardening so popular across the UK?

I think it is popular because you get some fresh air, some exercise and when you grow your own food and vegetables, it is healthier because there are no chemicals, it is also cheaper and fresher than in the shops.

Can we go and see you garden?

Yes, you may come to my garden any time you like.