

## **Vegetables for autumn planting and sowing**

### **Garlic**

- Choose an open sunny site with well-drained soil
- Most garlic does best when planted in October/November, but some varieties eg *Solent Wight* can be planted from January to March.
- Separate the bulb into cloves
- Plant cloves in rows, pointy end up, at least 3cm (1inch) deep and 15cm (6") apart.
- Dig up when the tops go brown and start to die back (June/July).
- Dry out till the leaves before storing in a cool dry place
- Garlic may also be grown in pots with a depth of at least 15cm (6") depth. Plant 3 cloves in 15cm pot, well-spaced. Bigger pots, more cloves. Keep watered.

### **Elephant garlic**

- Grow as for garlic, but space 30cm (12") apart

### **Onion sets**

- Choose an open sunny site.
- In autumn only plant sets specially treated for the purpose eg *Radar* (untreated sets are planted in March/April)
- Plant the sets 10cm (4") apart with the top, or 'neck' showing above the surface
- When the leaves begin to yellow, pull up and lay out to dry and the tops to wither completely.

### **Broad beans.**

- Choose an open sunny site and a variety of broad beans recommended for autumn sowing, eg *Aquadulce Claudia*
- Sow the beans from October onwards, 5cm (2") deep and 23cm (9") apart in double rows, staggered in a zigzag pattern.
- Stake the seedlings with pea sticks or bamboos and string for supports
- Be aware that planting in autumn isn't always successful