

Garshield Trial by the S.I.G

“Garshield is a unique blend of food grade garlic, seaweed and citrus extracts to help prevent fungal disease and insect attack. It contains selenium and over 30 sulphur-based plant nutrients that will stimulate plant growth; allicin in particular has anti- bacterial and anti- fungal properties.”

In 2012 we started a trial of Garshield, 500 mls was given to each member present (approx. 20) at a cost of nearly £200 and was asked to report back by the next meeting. These are my first findings of the product. I e-mailed other members soon after I used Garshield, these members had similar results and had stopped using Garshield, only one member thought it was good.

My first report to members.

Having first read the leaflet on Garshield it sounded too good to be true. I mixed 50ml to 5 L of water and then sprayed early morning (cloud cover) on all my fuchsia's in the greenhouse. The next day several plants had taken a turn for the worse and died, these mainly being young ones and the ones with light coloured leaves and others went limp, like they had been given too much water or a lack of it. I was hoping these would recover. Plants with lighter coloured leaves seemed not to take to Garshield; there was an increase in their leaves going yellow on some of the older plants. On the plus side I notice a shine on leaves at this stage, Was this a good thing or not?

I e-mailed Aston Horticulture with my findings and asked for advice.



I had a positive response from them with a Sales Agent, Ernie Gamble coming to visit me. He took away some of my plants which had been affected, taking a sample of stock solution and diluted solution to be tested.

I soon had a telephone call back, saying that the solutions were all contaminated! (with exactly what, they didn't say.)

They also stated that we were not using the best product for fuchsias, and advised us to use different products. They stated that if we had of made contact with them, before carrying out a trial, they would have supplied us with free trial samples of a more suitable product. They have been most helpful and have sent free samples of a retail product called 'Garlic Wonder', for our group to try. This was distributed to members at our next meeting.

Most members found this product was much kinder on our fuchsias with no bad effects, but we did find it expensive at a cost of over £10 for a 500ml bottle with a dilution rate of 10 to 1.

Our advice would be, be very careful when using Garshield especially under glass on young plants and the ones with lighter coloured leaves. Please do a test on a few plants before general use, there seemed to be no bad effects when used outside on established plants.

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On behalf of the special interest Group