

## RECYCLED PROPAGATORS

*Alan Ruby*

Being an occasional vegetative propagator, I used to use a clear plastic bag supported by canes to root cuttings, as an alternative to a propagating case. However, I now use recycled clear or translucent containers, often previously used for bird or fish food. They make excellent propagators, come in various sizes, easily sit on window sills, and have lids that are adjustable (with a little ingenuity) to regulate the ventilation.

Another advantage is they are so cheap that if you have various batches of cuttings at different stages of propagation, or with particular ventilation requirements, they can each have their own propagator! I would like to think that this advice might prompt some members to think twice about throwing away used containers; they may even ask friends to save some.

❧ *First published in the Sussex Group Newsletter, Spring 2018* ❧