

# Glossary

**Allotment** – used to grow food for your own consumption. Market gardeners had ‘grounds’ rather than allotments, as their produce was grown for market.

**Asparagus knife** – a special tool made by local blacksmiths for harvesting asparagus spears.

**Asum** – an old local name for Evesham.

**Asum Grammar** – strong local dialect that was historically spoken in the Vale of Evesham. Market gardeners were some of the last to speak in this way and today its use has virtually disappeared.

**Chip** – chip baskets, often just called ‘chips’, were one of the most common style of baskets used to pack market garden produce. Most fruit and vegetables were sold by weight, so basket styles were used as a shorthand way to refer to quantities e.g. ‘4 chips of strawberries’.

**Gillies** – a local name for wallflowers, which were grown by many market gardeners. Their popularity declined after the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

**‘Gras** – local shorthand for asparagus, or ‘asparagras’ as it is sometimes called in the Vale. The latter comes from the old folk name ‘sparrow grass’.

**Ground** – a piece of land used for market gardening. They were often long, narrow strips of land.

**Horse and dray** – a style of cart commonly used by market gardeners to transport baskets of produce to the local railway station or market.

**Hovel** – a small building used by market gardeners to store equipment, shelter from the weather and occasionally provide accommodation for temporary workers.hovels were usually located at the end of market gardening grounds and built with whatever materials were to hand. Whilst some were brick with chimneys, others were made of wood and corrugated metal.

**LBG** – Littleton & Badsey Growers, a key local organisation that was based at Blackminster, east of Evesham. The LBG was a co-operative set up by market gardeners to help sell their crops and buy supplies in bulk.

**Market gardener** – someone who grows a variety of fruit, vegetables, herbs and cut flowers to sell, also called ‘growers’. Whilst some were full-time market gardeners, others were part-time growers who tended their ground in evenings and at weekends.

**Pot** – pot hampers, often referred to as ‘pots’, were a style of large wicker hampers used in the early days of market gardening to send produce to market. Most fruit and vegetables were sold by weight, so basket styles were used as a shorthand way to refer to quantities e.g. ‘4 pots of plums’.