

First look

We cast our expert eye over some of the new products that are available in garden centres and online now



SILVERLINE TELESCOPIC TREE SAW FROM £21

Availability: www.amazon.com and independent stockists
When *W?G* member David Muir in Okehampton contacted us to tell us about a good telescopic saw he'd discovered, we thought we'd take a closer look. The saw is designed for cutting high branches and is easy to extend from 1.5m to 2m or 2.5m, giving extra reach above head level. Because the shaft extends by a full metre, this saw makes it easy to tackle a number of branches that would otherwise be out of reach. You could also use it at waist height for cutting lower stems if needed.

It's not a problem to lift as it's lightweight, so you can use it above head height for a good length of time without getting tired. It's also easy to manoeuvre and we found that the blade was sharp and cut branches cleanly up to a 10cm diameter. One downside is that it's not possible to buy replacement blades in the UK. Also, the plastic sheath protecting the blade was not firmly fixed on the model we tried, leaving the sharp blade exposed.

Our verdict A decent choice if you're cutting branches above head height

