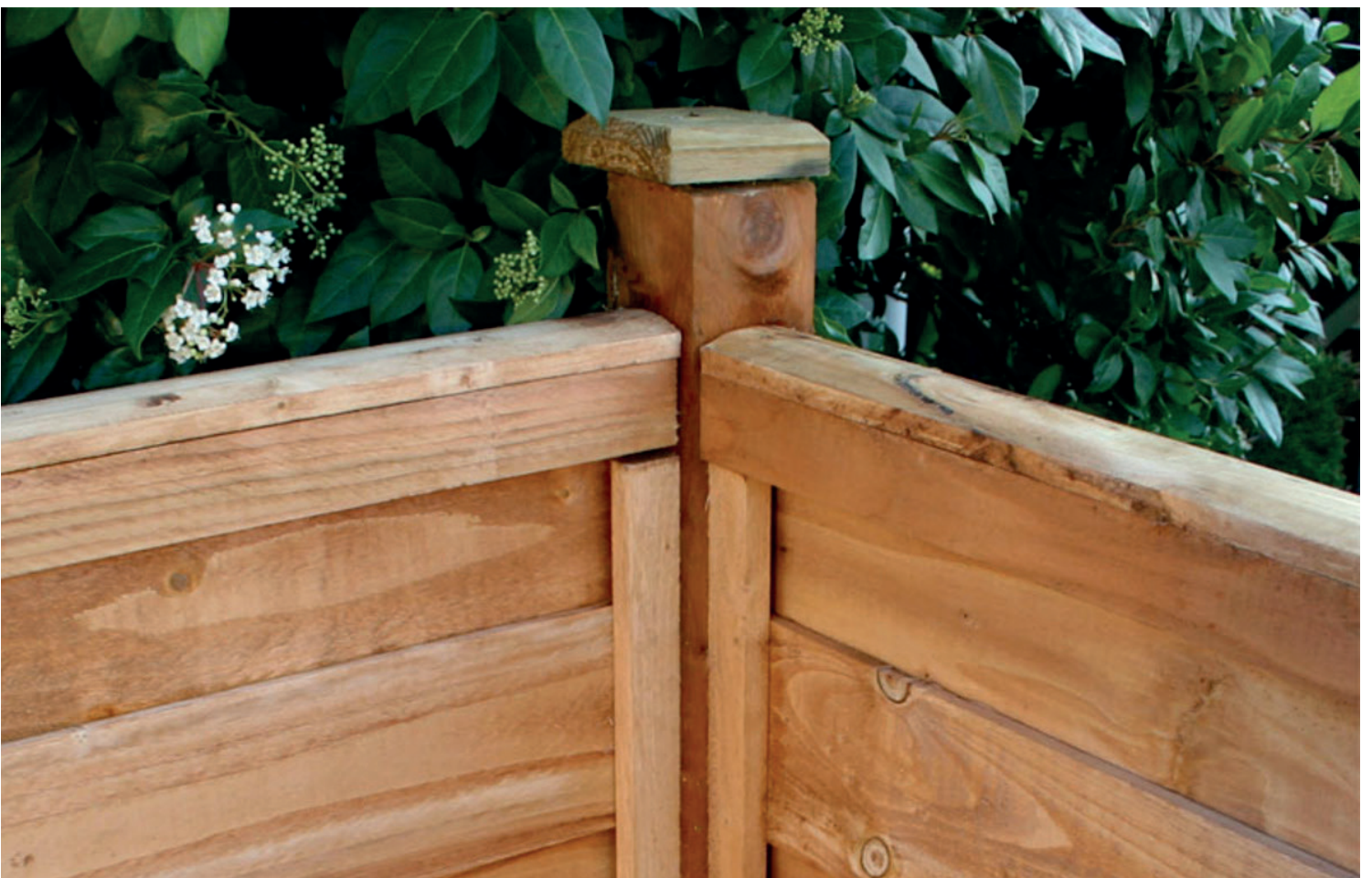


HOW TO REINFORCE A ROTTEN FENCE POST



The part of a wooden fence post most likely to rot is the section that's buried underground. If it isn't reinforced in time, it will eventually collapse and pull down the fence.

What you will need to install:

- Hammer
- Lengths of timber
- Concrete spur
- Coach bolts
- Spanner
- Spirit level
- Concrete

Steps to follow:

Step 1.

Start by supporting the fence with lengths of timber on either side. Dig a hole around the base of the post, cut the rotten part away and remove any concrete.

Step 2.

Coat the healthy wood with preservative. Then place a concrete spur in the hole against the remains of the post.

Step 3.

Put coach bolts through the holes in the spur and tap them with a hammer to mark the post. Then drill holes through the post at the marked spots. Push the bolts through the post and spur so the tails appear on the spur side. Put the nuts on and tighten them with a spanner.

Step 4.

Brace the post with lengths of timber, using a spirit level to check it's vertical.

Step 5.

Fill the hole in with concrete – you'll need to leave the timber supports in place for 48 hours whilst it sets.