



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

IT'S A SNIP This may not be peak pruning season but there are vital haircuts to give. Unchecked wisteria can swallow houses whole. Shorten new tendrils to 6in (15cm) and cut main stems back to within the plant's allotted territory. Darlac's Super Pro pruners were recently voted "best buy" when tested by *Garden News* against 10 more expensive rivals. They have a slim profile, drop-forged high-carbon steel blades and cost £17.95 (01753 547790; www.darlac.com).

