

# Braehead Community Garden Newsletter November

2022

## Garden Groups – Craft Group

This month's group is the craft group, who meet in the Club House at the garden every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9pm. The group make all sorts of beautiful things, from hand sewn aprons, knitted children's sweaters, bags, and Christmas decorations. There are crafts to suit all abilities and experience in the group – some people are better at sewing and so make things for others to decorate, for example. If you have something that you enjoy doing then the group would also welcome new ideas.

It's a lovely, sociable, group and a chance to get creative, make nice things to sell for the garden and get to know other garden members. If you'd like more information or to get involved please get in touch. The group would love more members!

Here are some examples of the lovely things the group has made in the past.



## Compost

It's that time of year when people are emptying their beds and there's more compostable material than we can cope with.

Please could you put any green waste on Rowan Hill (the mound next to the hens) as a layer of mulch, rather than in the compost bays. This will help to suppress the docks and improve the soil. Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary

### **December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wreath Making Workshops.**

Run by Donna, who did the fantastic cookery demonstration at the Pumpkin Festival.

### **December 10<sup>th</sup> – Pond improvement & tool store tidy**

10am – 1pm. Help to clear some of the vegetation in the pond to create more areas of open water.

Winter tidy and clean of tool store.

### **December 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas party in the garden.** Details to follow.

### **January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Seed Swap and Crop Planning**

10am to 12pm. Come along to the garden with your seeds and swap with other members. Get help and advice on how to plan your growing to get the most out of your plot.

### **February 25<sup>th</sup> – Garden Blitz**

10am – 1pm. Help the Growing Group to get beds prepared for the year ahead, plus any other tidying the garden needs.

### **March (date tbc) - Hedge planting**

We are receiving a tree / hedging pack from the Woodland Trust, which is arriving in March. Come and help to plant them along the perimeter of the garden to fill in the gaps of the hedging.

### **April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pond improvement and nectar bed clearing**

10am to 1pm. Plant up gravel area of wetland with native plants. Make smaller pools in gravel bed.

Weed nectar beds.

Please let me know whether you can come to any of the above. Thank you.

## Pumpkin Festival

It was wonderful to be able to hold the Pumpkin Festival again after a 2 year break from covid. It was a fun-filled, lovely day and a real community event, with approximately 170



**NATURAL  
FESTIVE WREATHS**

Join Donna in creating your own  
natural wreath

Saturday 3rd December  
Braehead Community Garden  
10am-1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
**ONLY 6 PLACES PER SESSION**  
£30 per person

To book a place  
email  
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people throughout the day. Several people had never been to the garden before and there were some newcomers to Stirling, which was great.

It was a huge team effort – thank you so much to everyone who helped in the run up and on the day. The garden looked amazing and the feedback from people was very positive, with someone asking whether we were holding a Christmas event!

Teaming up with Braehead Primary, who set up a pumpkin patch to sell pumpkins in the garden from, worked really well. They took £92 on the day and the garden took £337.23, so a magnificent amount and well worth all of the work that went in.

There were some fabulous and very creative entries into the pumpkin carving competition!



**Pumkin patch and one of the winning entries.**



The cooking demonstration gave lots of delicious tips and ideas for leftover pumpkins.

