

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2023

NEWS WHAT A SHOW!



What a wonderful day! Sun shone, great entries and Cllr Gerry McGarvey presented the prizes at our annual Horticultural Show. Huge thank you to everyone who came along, entered their produce, volunteered or donated in any way!

And a very well deserved overall win for the Growing Team at Braehead!



ORCHARD TREE PRUNING

Thank you to Rosa and everyone at the orchard summer pruning session. We now have some good looking trees!



WELCOME

Welcoming our new members - Kelly & Tim.

We also have a small waiting list if anyone needs help or you are not using your bed.

We look forward to meeting you all!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 13th Sept - communal work party, 6 - 8pm, just turn up

Fri 29th Sept - Social eve from 6pm (families welcome)

Sat 28th October - Halloween family event

We are in the process of updating the website and social media with a full events calendar for the year - www.braehead.org

FUNDING UPDATE

Since April the trustee funding group & Nikki have submitted 8 funding applications, for various projects and ideas and we have had 4 successes! We have recently secured funding to double our number of hens and repair the second chicken run, train more beekeepers, get signage at the carpark, a tools training course and most notably nearly £10,000 for an extra 50 IBCs to harvest more rainwater in the garden! (now looking for volunteers to help get this project moving - see Nikki)

Nikki is collating a funding wishlist, please let her know of any ideas / requests.

We are also actively seeking more funding to extend and expand the Development Officer role which is currently funded through the National Lottery Fund.

MEMBER NOTES...

- We now accept card payments! See Nikki or a member of the growing team for the mobile card reader
- Still awaiting more responses to the questionnaire - all feedback is great!
- Keep an eye on the noticeboard in PT3, a list of communal jobs will be going up
- Our 2 apprentices finished up at the end of August. We send huge thanks to both John & Adam for all their hard work - Adam is going to stay and volunteer for a bit
- Replacement part for the fob entry system is on its way, hopefully fixed soon. Apologies to everyone for the inconvenience
- Looking for someone to join the hen group and do the Thursday morning slot...
- On the subject of hens, can we remind all members that eggs for sale are in the box at PT1 and are to be paid for. Also not to be taken directly from the coop
- For members in PT4 on the left hand side, please can you weed behind your beds
- A huge thank you to those who helped cover weeds in the hens, especially Gary!
- Next work party will focus on group weeding at communal paths of the garden, please come along - Wed 13th Sept, 6 - 8pm
- After figs and grapes, the next exotica is bananas! 2 plants now at the garden 🍌

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