

# BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



## NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023

### NEWS

#### SURVEY FEEDBACK

So, the results are in! Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. We got some really useful (and honest) feedback and here's a brief overview!

- 84% members rated the garden as very good or excellent
- 80% rated it as good or excellent value for money
- Some favourite things: people, peace, the chickens
- Some least fav things: WEEDS!!, watering issues, lack of comms / info
- Ideas: groups on nature, growing, eco-friendly practices & cooking

Overwhelmingly, people are asking for knowledge sharing & support, especially what to do when (seasonal growing) and gardening workshops.

This is not everything raised in the survey, and Nikki would like to follow up with certain suggestions.

For anyone who hasn't completed it, you still can!

#### Our new Facebook Page

We have now set up our new public Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551502100519>

or search for Braehead Community Garden.

Please find us, follow and like us! We will be keeping the private page, however will be asking those who are no longer members to join the public one instead.

### WELCOME

Welcoming our new members - Ruaridh, Nicola & Eileen.

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

**Sat 6th, 2 - 4pm & Sun 7th 10 - 12noon Oct** - IBC work parties, just turn up!  
*Wear suitable clothing pls*

**Fri 27th Oct** - Social eve from 6pm in clubhouse  
*(families welcome)*

**Sat 28th October** - Halloween family event  
*(poster to follow)*

**Christmas & New Year** - watch this space...

## UPDATE FROM TREELINK

Some of you may wonder what the fenced-off section of Braehead Community Garden is all about – what is Treelink Stirling and what do we do? We grow trees from seed, support community tree planting, help look after existing woodlands and encourage street tree planting. Our space at Braehead is the hub for many of our activities, and brings some of our volunteers together to plant, weed, lift and distribute young trees. <https://www.treelinkstirling.org/>

We work with partners including Vivisol Homecare, Cornton Nursery School, Equipower, Stirling Council and others to spread the word about trees and how important they are. One of our successful projects is Free Trees for Babies which is sponsored by Vivisol. Last year we gave out 100 young trees to young families, and registrations are open for the coming winter planting season.

We are also working to create a bigger team of tree growers (our dispersed nurseries) all over the Stirling Council area who are building up stocks of seedlings in gardens or allotments for planting in our local communities over the next few years. We have some big projects in mind which will need lots of trees!

***Come and hear more about our work at our Autumn Gathering  
28th October, 10-12 at the Guide Hut, Glebe Avenue, Stirling  
Talks, Ideas, Activities, Cake & Conversation!***

### MEMBER NOTES...

- We have a few jars of honey left for sale to members. Please let Nikki know if you'd like one, they're going fast! £6 each.
- Keep an eye out for our Halloween & Pumpkin extravaganza poster. It will have the full list of entry categories for the pumpkin carving competition, timings on events throughout the day, ending with our lantern display at dusk.
- As we come to the end of the summer growing season, if you are not planning on planting any autumn / early spring veggies please ensure your plot is cleared and covered. If you need plastic sheeting let Nikki know.
- Funding for tools training has been sourced (ie, strimmers and other power tools). If you would like to volunteer with the maintenance group speak to Nikki so training can be organised to suit those interested. Likely 3 evenings over a week, tbc. Men and women welcomed!

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