

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND EVERYONE WHO VISITS OUR GARDEN!

**Slightly different newsletter focus for the start of the new year as
OUR GARDEN NEEDS YOU!**

As a community garden, it takes a little bit from all of us to keep it growing, developing and a lovely place for us all to spend our time.

Below are details of the main volunteering opportunities and activities you can get involved in, most of which are essential to keeping the garden going. We ask that you please see if you can give even a small amount of time for one or more of these in the year ahead. Experience and knowledge not needed, as any training and support will be given where necessary.



GROWING GROUP

The Growing Group generate income for the garden and great produce for members and our local community. You can come along Tuesdays and / or Saturdays 10am - 1pm to help out. This is a year long endeavour and about to start again on Sat 13th Jan for spring time - come along and join in!

EVENT PLANNERS

Would you like to join our small Events Group to help plan and organise events for the year ahead? Or can you volunteer some time for a specific event to ensure it is fun and successful? It's a great way to get to know other members and make friends!



COMPOSTING

Good, quality compost is a gardener's best friend and yet we only have one person who regularly sorts our composting bays out. Can you lend a hand even now and again? This will save the garden and members money and ensure we are doing more for our sustainability and environment...



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WATERING GROUP

Help is needed on a rota basis to water polytunnels 1 & 2 to support the Growing Group and the produce we have available for sale. There is an electric pump for the hose so no watering cans necessary. Even just an hour for one evening a month would be a huge help!



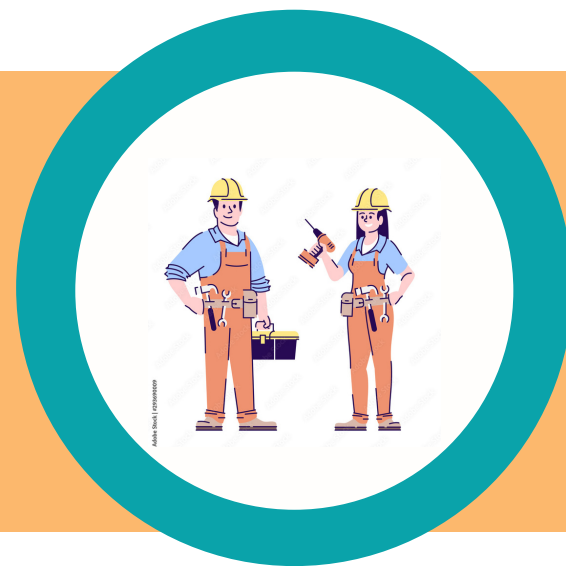
CRAFT GROUP

This is definitely one of the more fun groups! All materials are supplied and sales help generate income for the garden. We have all seen the wonderful creations on display. Tuesdays 7 - 9pm in the clubhouse. No experience needed, just turn up, create and chat! Or can you help design signage or posters for the garden?



MAINTENANCE

Our garden doesn't manage itself, and we need help with routine jobs, and some more specific ones. Currently this is done by only a couple of dedicated volunteers and they need your help. Can you cut the grass once a year, help repair a raised bed or bring any other skill / tool knowledge to keep our garden at its best?



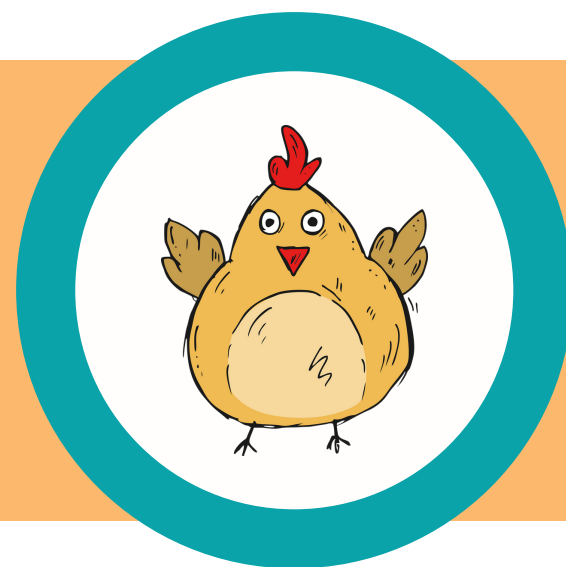
BUSY BEES

3 members who joined in 2023 have just been booked onto a Beginners Beekeeping Course. Bees play such an important role in our eco-system that we want to ensure we give them the best support that we can. If you are interested in finding out more, let us know and if you didn't get a jar of our Braehead Bee Honey, you missed out!
More bees = more honey



HENS

We will be having some new ladies join our hen family in early spring. Would you like to join the rota for looking after and keeping our lovely ladies happy? It can be as little or often as suits you. We will also be renovating the second chicken run to accommodate our new arrivals - can you lend time and muscles?



Do you have a skill or interest that could support the garden, members or help bring people together that we don't know about?
Some suggestions have been: book club, herbal group, growing sessions for newer gardeners...
We want to hear all your ideas. What can you help make happen?