

# BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2024

### VOLUNTEER DAY - HELP NEEDED



Can you help us transform the above mound onsite to a wonderful Berry Hill, with plentiful fruit bushes (gooseberries, whitecurrants, chuckleberries and lots of others!). Once established we will have 'pick your own' days and jam making sessions.

If you can spare some time, please come join us on Saturday 17th Feb between 10am & 2pm. Refreshments will be available.

### MONTHLY GARDEN JOBS - FEBRUARY

Did you know we have lots of useful information and tips on growing in the clubhouse? Pop in for a cuppa and check out our yearly planners.

#### Key Jobs for February:

- Sow brussels sprouts, leeks, onions & spinach under cover
- Harvest winter kale, lettuce & rocket
- Prune autumn raspberries
- Dig beds to aerate, drain and warm the soil
- You can also warm the soil and reduce weeds by covering your bed in plastic for a few weeks before planting

### WELCOME

Veronica has joined us this month and is keen to get involved! Other beds are pending allocation to people on the waiting list.

If anyone knows anyone else who would like to join the waiting list, get in touch.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ***Fob Collection times:***

*Tuesdays 9am - 1pm*

*Saturdays 9am - 1pm*

#### ***Recyke-A-Bike:***

*Wed 14th Feb*

#### ***Berry Hill Volunteer Day***

*Sat 17th Feb, 10am - 2pm*

#### ***Trees for Babies (TreeLink)***

*Sat 24th Feb*

#### ***Social eves are back!***

*Fri 29th Mar, from 6pm*

#### ***Easter Open Day***

*Sat 30th Mar, time tbc*

# RECYKE-A-BIKE SESSION

Recyke-A-Bike are back and will be delivering 2 free sessions on Wednesday 14th February in PT3.

**Dr Bike 10am - 1pm:** A mechanic will be checking over people's bikes, offering minor repairs and adjustments for free (just turn up)

**Maintenance Class 2 - 4pm:** Learn basic upkeep for your bicycle and advice (booking required - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-bike-maintenance-class-braehead-community-garden-tickets-792964236377?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>)

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW APPRENTICES

Our new apprentices for 2024 from Stirling Council started with us in the garden on Tuesday 30th January. Dean & Nat are keen to get involved with everything our garden has to offer so please introduce yourselves if you see them on Tuesdays!

## FOB ENTRY SYSTEM

Spring is nearly here (hopefully!) and there are still several people who have not yet collected their fobs. Please arrange for this asap or drop in on a Tuesday or Saturday morning and see Nikki.

## MEMBER NOTES...

- We still seek a member with a tow bar - we have sourced a small, used trailer which will allow us to bring manure etc to the garden. Let us know if you can help. Fuel costs will be reimbursed.
- Chilli jam still available - £3.80 for 'blow your socks off' deliciousness!
- Following on from January's newsletter, we still seek people to help out with each of the volunteering activities within the garden - grass cutting, compost, watering rota, maintenance, growing group, crafts and others. Please let Nikki know what you can step up and help with over the coming months. Even a little will make all the difference!
- I do not have a record of a lot of existing members' contact details, a link to our form will be sent out, please complete when you receive this so our records are up to date for Health & Safety purposes.

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