

# BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



## NEWSLETTER - JULY 2024

### SCOTLAND'S GARDEN SCHEME -

#### OUR CHANCE TO SHINE!

As you will all be aware, the big day of our first time as part of **Scotland's Garden Scheme** is only a few weeks away (**Sunday 4th August**)! The garden is starting to come into full bloom, it's looking a bit tidier and less weedy but we still have some way to go (huge thanks to those giving extra help so far!). Anything you can do to help both at your own bed and other areas would be greatly appreciated!

We are also **seeking help on the day**. We will be open 11am - 4pm, with set up the day before: volunteers (set up, welcome / entry fees, teas stand, tours, plant & veg sales), home baking (can drop off on the Sat or Sun morning). Please see Nikki if you can help out.

For anyone keen to see what other gardens are open over the summer, either locally or further afield, please use the link below - there are some amazing and unique gardens on show!

<https://scotlandsgardens.org/>

### HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Just a reminder our annual Horticultural Show is on Saturday 24th August. Still plenty of time to get your veg, flowers, fruit and everything else lovely ready! The Show Schedule is available in PT1 & the clubhouse.

We are also hosting two info sessions on 'How to present your veg' - see Upcoming Events. Just turn up, please see events (both sessions will be the same).

Welcoming our new members...

**Shanta, Chris & Kamala!**

Looking forward to seeing you all in the garden

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Horticultural Show - How To Present Your Veg sessions**

Sun 14th July, 10 - 12noon  
or Wed 17th July, 6 - 8pm  
(both sessions are the same)

**Social Eve**

Fri 26th July, from 6pm,  
families & kids welcome

**Scotland's Garden Scheme - Open Garden at Braehead CG**  
Sun 4th Aug

**Horticultural Show**  
Sat 24th August

**Social Eve**

Fri 30th August, from 6pm,  
families & kids welcome

## LOOKING AFTER OUR WILDLIFE

The wildlife in our garden is just as important as our plants, without some of them we would have no crops! We have had several instances of birds trapped in netting. Therefore we are asking everyone to make sure their netting is tidy, not dragging on the ground and if not being used put in the tool shed. There will be 2 tubs - 1 for the larger nets and 1 for the smaller ones.

Weeds are also ruining netting.

Forth Climate Forest have a goal of planting over 16m trees in the next 10 years. As part of this they want to map out all of our existing trees. If you and / or the family are keen to get involved to identify and record the trees in your street, speak to Nikki (it's a great outdoor summer activity for the kids at no cost!)

## July Garden Jobs

*Here are a few hints & tips to get the best out of your crops (please note this is general advice, for more detailed info refer to the books in our clubhouse)*

- Last batch of peas for an autumn crop
- Sow small batches of fast growing salad leaves & radish
- Order cold stored potatoes to plant in greenhouse for Christmas crop
- Cover brassicas with fine netting to prevent cabbage whites
- Pick courgettes regularly so they don't become marrows
- Water tomatoes daily to prevent split fruits
- Be vigilant for aphids & other pests

## MEMBER NOTES...

- The Growing group have donated some of their baby plants to the Braehead nursery, Allan's Primary school plant sale & Fallin Primary School - all greatly appreciated, thank you!
- Thank you to everyone who has completed their membership forms, just a small number left to do...please contact Nikki if you are having any issues with them
- The gate doesn't always fully shut on its own - please make sure you shut it both on entry and exit.
- Audrey & Nikki hosted an impromptu mini plant sale at St Ninians library in June, lovely way to spend a Saturday morning!

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