

# BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



## NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2024

### SCOTLAND'S GARDEN SCHEME - WE SHINED (*the weather nearly did!*)



The forecast might have started against us, but it turned out a good day on Sunday 4th Aug for our first



ever open day for Scotland's Garden Scheme. We had over 50 new visitors through our gates and made some great community connections. Overall, we raised over £580 for both our garden and the charities supported by SGS, a wonderful result, thank you to everyone who came along.

And even bigger thanks go to our trusty volunteers, members and everyone who worked so hard to make the day (and the garden a success!). The garden is looking great - and now's the time to keep it that way!



### SUMMER BBQ - PLUS ENTERTAINMENT!

On Friday 30th August, we are hosting a BBQ in the garden, first one we have had for a couple of years! Families welcome and we need numbers in advance for catering purposes. Please confirm with Nikki and inform of any dietary requirements.

We will also have some more live entertainment following the success of May's evening...

Welcoming our new members...

**Christine, Kirsty**

Looking forward to seeing you all in the garden

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Horticultural Show**

*Sat 24th August*

**Social Eve - Summer BBQ**

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

**Orchard Tree Pruning**

*Sun 1st Sept, 1 - 3pm*

**Social Eve**

*Fri 27th Sept, from 6pm, all welcome!*

**Social Eve**

*Fri 25th Oct, from 6pm*

**Halloween Event**

*Sat 26th Oct*

**Christmas Social**

*Sun 15th Dec*

## HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Just a reminder our annual Horticultural Show is on Saturday 24th August and there is more than 1 category for everyone to enter! Still plenty of time to get your veg, flowers, fruit, raffle and everything else lovely ready! The Show Schedule is available in PT1 & the clubhouse, including kids' categories.

Even if you think your possible entries are not winners, please enter them! The more the merrier, give others some competition and you just never know...

Seeking volunteers, raffle prizes, more fabulous baking please!! (separate baking for teas & for your own entries).

PS. The Growing Group are not entering this year, phew!!!



## August 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)*

- Harvest tomatoes, cucumbers, chillies & peas to encourage more growth
- Lift onions / shallots once tops die down, leave to dry in the sun 🍷
- Plant well-rooted strawberry runners in new beds
- Be vigilant for tomato & potato blight, remove affected plants
- Cut back leaves on grapevines to let the sun ripen the fruit
- Sow land cress, rocket & lamb's lettuce for winter harvest
- Collect seeds & ripe seed pods

## MEMBER NOTES...

- The Growing Group now have produce for sale, honesty system in place. Fruit & veg in PT1 (table & fridge). Green tub for cash, card machine in clubhouse (please note your purchase on the sheet for card sales) or BACS.
- If anyone has spare egg boxes (especially 6'ers) please bring them in to reuse.
- We are collating recipes for a garden Cook Book, please send your favs to Nikki.
- The fridge in PT1 seems to keep changing temperature, please ensure you do not change the gauge or knock it by accident, thank you.
- Signs will be going up on the IBCs to ensure water is used appropriately and not wasted, please adhere to these.
- And most excitingly...we have purchased more of the 'red' hoe that has been in demand over the last few weeks!! They are in the tool shed, ready for use!

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