

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



Our annual Halloween Festival is on **Saturday 26th October**. This is a free family event for all the community. Braehead Primary Parent Forum will have a pumpkin patch at our garden where you can buy your pumpkin on the day before carving. Fancy dress, hot dogs, spooky fun - spread the word! Posters will be up around the garden and noticeboards. We are looking for volunteers for the day or the evening before for set up, please see Nikki if you can help.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on 27th Sept. Trustees continuing for the year ahead are Aileen Hall, David Black, Rosa Huczynska, Alistair Kerr, Wendy McLean, Jess McNeil, John Miller, Matt Power, Mandy Rae & Tracy Rich. Anne Kane has joined the board. Chris Kane has resigned and huge thanks were extended for his commitment and input from the very start of the garden! We still have vacancies for trustees, if interested please see one of the above or Nikki. Our Annual report will be submitted to OSCR shortly and will be available on our website. Also, thanking all trustees for their work throughout the last year!

Welcoming our new member...

Fiona

Looking forward to seeing you in the garden

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Eve

Fri 25th Oct, from 6pm

Halloween Event

Sat 26th Oct

Christmas Social

Sun 15th Dec

Burns Supper...

Jan '25, tbc

Looking for people to join the Events Group and if you have ideas for fun let us know!

BUSY BEES!

Our garden bees have been having a lovely summer, so much so, they have produced what has been described as their 'best honey yet'! Thank you to our beekeepers for all your work during the year. Jars are for sale in the clubhouse £6



1 jar per household please.



FUNDING - UPDATE

Good news! We have recently secured £5k of funding from the Growing Food Together fund to start replacing raised beds. A priority list is being pulled together and all plots holders whose beds need replaced will be contacted directly. We hope to cause as little disruption as possible. We have been awarded £1k from EIS (thanks Colin!) and some funds for kids' storytelling sessions,

October 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)

- Raise pumpkins & squash onto bricks to keep them dry and expose them to more sun, to ripen the skins
- Plant garlic cloves in a sunny well-drained spot, 15cm apart, with their tip 5cm below the surface
- Cover salad with cloches to prolong cropping
- Sow sweet peas in deep pots for early flowers next summer (greenhouse)
- Cut autumn-fruiting raspberries down to the ground after harvesting
- Clean out & disinfect bird boxes
- Go on regular snail hunts, especially on damp evenings, to reduce overwintering populations

MEMBER NOTES...

- Just a reminder to fill in the sheet beside the card machine. This is only for card / contactless payments, not bacs / bank transfer
- The Growing Group's tomatoes are now looking nice and ripe! Plenty for sale in PT1 - reduced price!
- Please tidy up polytunnel 3 after use and in the clubhouse wash, dry and put away dishes, also with the cold weather approaching do not leave food stuff out and about
- Some beds could do with a tidy up before winter - is yours one of them??
- A huge thank you to the Watering Group who did an amazing job this summer!

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