

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2025

GENERAL GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Last year, lots of members helped out to make the garden look its best for our first entry into Scotland's Garden Scheme - thank you!

We now need to consider the best way to maintain the whole garden going forward so it looks its best most of the time! There is an expectation on all members to assist with this, both around own beds and through general tidy up sessions, however this does not always happen. We'd like to get the thoughts and ideas of our members as to how we can achieve this. Some suggestions are:

1. do we keep doing what we have been doing and everyone gets involved?
2. do we let nature take back over certain areas of the garden?
3. do we get a professional service in to manage the weeds and increase fees?

Please let Nikki know your thoughts...

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

It was lovely to see people along for our informal Christmas Gathering last month! It helped us all start to get into the seasonal spirit!

Thank you for the baking contributions - all were much enjoyed!

BED MAINTENANCE

Following on from above, raised bed replacements will be starting soon. Those affected have been informed.

There are however still some beds that need urgent attention - weed clearing, tidying up tools, netting etc. Can this please be done asap.

2025 / 26 Fees

The trustees have agreed to keep our membership fees the same for the coming growing season. These will not be due until the start of April, so please do not pay before then.

HENS

Just a reminder to all members that only the Hen Group are allowed into the chicken shed and coop. Please also make sure all eggs are paid for and written on the sheet, thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Burns Supper

@ Crawford Hall

*Sat 25th Jan, 630 for 7pm,
BYOB - tickets available*

Orchard Pruning session

Sun 9th Feb, 1 - 3pm

*2025 Events Calendar
coming soon!*

January Garden Jobs

- Clean pots & trays ready for the start of the sowing season
- Sow winter salads in a greenhouse, conservatory or on a sunny windowsill, for harvests within a few weeks
- Cover rhubarb plants with a bucket or terracotta pot to force an early crop of tender long stems
- Clear old crops and weeds, dig over, mixing in compost as you go