

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2025

BURNS SUPPER



What a wonderful evening on Saturday 25th January (luckily the night after the storm!) our first Burns Night was. Everyone had a great time and a huge thank you to our Events Group and everyone involved for making it such a special evening! The speakers were charismatic, the music was superb and the lovely food was topped off by a teacake and a wee dram. Looking forward to next year already!

VOLUNTEER DAYS

Hedging, Saturday 22 February, 10:00-14:00

It's time for our boundary hedge's annual haircut before the birds start to nest. Drop by anytime 10-2. Bring gloves, lunch if you're around mid-day and, if you have them, secateurs, loppers and pruning saws. We have some of these in the tool shed but extra are welcome.

Nectar Beds, Saturday 8 March, 10:00-14:00

We'll be cutting down the old stems in the nectar beds ready for spring's new growth. Drop by anytime 10-2. Bring gloves, lunch if you're around mid-day and, if you have them, secateurs.

Memberships Available

As we approach the new growing season, if you know anyone who is interested in joining - to grow their own, volunteer or join some of our groups - get them to get in touch!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hedge Pruning

Sat 22nd Feb, 10 - 2pm
drop in

Nectar Beds

Sat 8th March, 10 - 2pm
drop in

Easter - tbc

Big Summer 10 Year Anniversary Event

We are 10 this year and still looking for ideas for activities / event to celebrate this huge milestone - share your ideas wth Nikki

HEN GROUP - NEW RECRUITS WANTED!

We are looking for members to join our Hen Group to help look after our lovely ladies. This could mean being on the weekly rota to help keep them clean and fed, or being a stand in if someone's away on holiday (all depending on availability). Bird flu is sadly on the rise again so we are keeping them housed for the next 2 weeks. We are expecting a lockdown for them soon so they will love the extra attention. Contact Nikki or Mandy if you would like to find out more.



February 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)

- Chit first early potatoes, standing them in trays in a light, frost-free place
- Put fleece over strawberries to encourage an early crop
- Sow sweet peas in deep pots in a greenhouse, keep frost free
- Hunt out winter snails & slugs in empty pots and hidden corners to reduce populations
- Finish winter-pruning autumn raspberries
- Check if old seed packets are worth keeping - sow a few seeds on damp kitchen paper to see if they germinate
- Start planning your sowing year and crop rotation
- Improve soil with compost or well-rotted manure
- Divide large clumps of snowdrops after flowering to start new colonies

MEMBER NOTES...

- Can people bring in their egg boxes (6'ers & 12'ers) so we can reuse them please. We've so many eggs from our new ladies now we are running low. But this does mean more eggs are available from PT1 for members!
- A huge thank you goes to Nat, our Apprentice, who did some great work clearing people's beds (particularly in PT4). This is not his role but he kindly offered to do it. Let's keep all our beds clear and tidy please.
- We have pulled together guidance relating to social media use, including our group chat on WhatsApp. This will be available on the website shortly. Please familiarise yourself with it.

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