

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2025

EASTER OPEN DAY



What a lovely way to kick start the growing year with another fun Easter Open Day. The weather was more in our favour than anticipated and we had a steady stream of local residents coming through the gates. Easter egg hunt, crafts, egg decorating and eating cake - what's not to enjoy! A huge thank you to all of our volunteers and donators - can't do this without you!

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Next up is our annual plant sale. This is being held on Saturday 10th May 10 - 4pm. Poster attached. Please feel free to share far & wide! The Growing Group have been working hard to have our seedlings ready for members and the wider community.

VOLUNTEER DAYS

Path Work, Thurs 8th 6 - 8pm & Sat 24th 10 - 12, both May

We will tackle the communal areas while bed holders are doing their own bed surrounding area.

Raised Bed Replacement

We are pausing the bed replacement programme so people can get on with their growing. We will resume in the autumn - thank you to those who are and have helped. We will need more volunteers in a few months!

Memberships

Welcoming Lindsey, Douglas & Wendy to the garden!

I am working under the assumptions all other members are staying on this year, unless you have already been in touch with me.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Evening & EGM

Fri 25th April, from 6pm

Volunteer Sessions

Thurs 8th May, 6 - 8pm & Sat 24th May, 10 - 12noon

Annual Plant Sale

Sat 10th May, 10 - 4pm

Social Evening

Fri 30th May, from 6pm
Bring Your Own welcome!

10 year Anniversary Event

Sat 14th June, tbc

Social Evening

Fri 27th June, from 6pm

PATH MAINTENANCE - URGENT

We'd like to reiterate the importance of all outdoor bed holders carrying out the work below around their beds. Can everyone please ensure this is completed by Fri 9th May.

From March Newsletter: "**With immediate effect we need all bed holders to ensure there are no large stones lying around their bed. If the grass grows over this now, it will make it difficult and dangerous for strimming and mowing the paths.**"

Stones can be put behind PT4 to the left of the compost area. If you are struggling with this please contact Nikki. Longer-term this should reduce the maintenance burden, which falls on a very few people, so all help now is greatly appreciated.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

If anyone is interested in seeing what our plans are for the next stage of the garden, give Nikki or a trustee a shout! The Plan will be pinned to the noticeboard in the clubhouse. Exciting times ahead!

April 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)

- Sow hardy annuals and native wildflowers
- Plant second-early & main crop potatoes
- Plant bare-root asparagus & Jerusalem artichoke tubers
- Continue planting garlic, shallots & onions to extend your cropping period
- Sow fast-growing crops (radishes) to use any temporary gaps
- Look out for clusters of aphids on young leaves - wipe off before they multiply
- Protect emerging seedlings from slugs & snails
- Sow quick-growing microgreens (kale, mustard) for nutrient-rich pickings in a few weeks
- Sow runner beans, French beans, cucumbers, courgettes, pumpkins & sweet corn in pots
- Maintain good plant hygiene - pick off faded blooms & dead leaves to prevent fungal diseases

MEMBER NOTES...

- As the new membership year has now started we kindly ask people to pay their fees into our bank account by the end of April. Fees are staying the same as last year. Account: BBD CDT, 08-92-99, 67192414. Please complete the membership forms sent out via email. If not received please let Nikki know asap.
- 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! £2.50 for a half dozen. Please remember to complete the sales sheet.

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