

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - JULY 2025

GARDEN 10TH ANNIVERSARY

2025 marks 10 years since our garden opened and we want to celebrate it in style!



To commemorate the trustees have agreed the following 10 actions / events:

- 10 cherry trees have been donated by members - can you find them all?
- PARTY!
- Recipe book
- Snowdrop planting
- Bonfire / social
- Handprints (metallic)
- Bed replacement programme
- New noticeboard at carpark
- Spring bulb planting - copse & outside orchard
- Kids idea...tbc

For the last one, Kids Idea, can we have feedback from children who use the garden through parents, carers, childminders and the primary & nursery school by the end of July please. Email suggestions to Nikki.

BIG DAY IS SATURDAY 6TH SEPT, 6PM ONWARDS

GROWING GROUP PRODUCE

There is produce for sale in PT1, on the table or in the fridge. The price list is there and it's an honesty system.

Can we also have your used, clean mushroom & fruit tubs for selling crops please! Just leave in PT1.

New Members

Welcoming Jon, Hannah, Sarah, Jehad, Iain and Rebecca to the garden!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social evenings

from 6pm - BYOB, snacks
Fridays: 25th July, 29th Aug,
26th Sept

How to Present Show Entries

Sun 27th July, 10am - 1130am &
Wed 13th Aug, 6 - 730pm

Scotland's Garden Scheme

Sun 10th August, 11am - 4pm

Horticultural Show

Sat 23rd August 130 - 4pm

10th Anniversary Party!

Sat 6th Sept, time tbc

Honey Festival

Sat 20th Sept, 10am - 2pm

Halloween

Sat 25th Oct, time tbc

PATH MAINTENANCE

There is still a lot of work needing to be carried out by bed holders asap.

We reiterate this message urgently:

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.

This will lower the maintenance burden on members in the longer term, but the work needs done by individuals now.

VOLUNTEER DAYS

We have important events coming up and want to show off our garden at its best - ***we need your help to achieve this!!!!***

As such, Nikki is hosting some group sessions which will look at path work, weeding, general tidy up, grass cutting and more. We can't do this alone.

There will also be a task list in the clubhouse and PT4 so people can work through jobs in their own time. If every member attended one session, we'd get so much done. There will also be lighter jobs be done too. Just come along.

Mon 21st Jul 6 - 8pm Wed 30th Jul 6 - 8pm

Tues 22nd Jul 10 - 12noon Sat 2nd Aug 2 - 4pm

Thurs 24th Jul 6 - 8pm Tues 5th Aug 10 - 12noon

Sat 26th Jul 10 - 12noon Wed 6th Aug 6 - 8pm

Tues 29th Jul 10 - 12noon Sat 9th Aug 10 - 12noon

July 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)

- Water thirsty plants often: courgette, tomatoes, beans & peas
- Sow last batch of peas and dwarf beans
- Cover brassicas to protect from butterfly eggs
- Plant cold-stored potatoes in a greenhouse / cold frame to harvest at Christmas
- Pick courgettes regularly so they don't become marrows
- Be vigilant for aphids and vine weevils
- feed tomatoes, chillies & cucumbers with high-potash feed weekly
- Deadhead / harvest sweet peas to encourage more flowers

MEMBER NOTES...

- If any members have not paid their membership fees, please do so asap. Any beds not paid for by the end of July will be reallocated.
- Stirling's Doors Open weekend is 27 & 28th September. We need to gauge if there is interest in Braehead open its garden gates for one of the days, as we would need volunteers - shall we? Please let Nikki know either way.
- Nikki has now completed her Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work. Karen Ellis is also a named First Aider.
- We are starting to get PVGs done for our key volunteers. If you are interested and have not already let Nikki know, please do so asap.
- We want recipes for our very own cook book. Please send to Nikki.

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