

# BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

## NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2025

### SPOOKY GOINGS ON!



October saw the return of our Halloween Festival. Scary costumes, party time, pumpkin carving, soup and hot dogs, candyfloss and more. We had over 140 people through the gates with some wonderful entries into the carving competition. A huge thank you to all who attended and as ever our hard working volunteers and kind donations! We changed the schedule this year - feedback welcome!



### **New Members**

Welcoming Naedean, Euan & Wilton to the garden!

*(Wilton is a registered Guide Dog puppy in training. Make sure you say hi, he'll love it!)*



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> January 630pm**  
Burns Supper, Crawford Hall

If anyone has any suggestions on what they would like to see in the calendar next year please let Nikki know.

We have had a wonderful year of Events, some as income generators, others purely for community enjoyment.

Plant Sale: £2278  
Scotland's Garden Scheme: £297  
Horticultural Show: £511

**Total for 2025: £3086!!**

## BURNS SUPPER 2026



Following the success of our first Burns Supper at the start of the year, our Events Group are busy planning for January 2026!!

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Crawford Hall**

Tickets are limited, names to Nikki asap.

Deposits will be required.

Lovely food, music, dancing and friends!

## 2025 AGM

Thank you to everyone who turned up on Saturday to support our AGM. Detailed reports were delivered by our Chair, Treasurer and Development Officer. I'm sure the breakfast rolls had nothing to do with attendance...



## November & December 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)*

- Start planning what to grow next year!
- Protect winter peas and salads, leaving the ends open for ventilation
- Plant garlic, onions, shallots and cover with fleece
- Cover kale, cabbages to protect from pigeons
- Check bonfires carefully for hedgehogs and other wildlife
- Plant tulip bulbs, covering with twice their depth of soil / compost
- Remove yellowed leaves on brassicas to prevent fungal diseases
- Place straw at the base of parsnips to stop the soil freezing
- Lift & divide large clumps of rhubarb
- When clearing old crops, only compost healthy material

## MEMBER NOTES...

- Unfortunately it's that time of year when bird flu is on the rise. The Hen Group have taken the decision to restrict access to the orchard and our ladies to the group only.
- The handwash station is now out of action until the Spring. We remove the filter so it is not impacted by low temperatures. Hand gel is available.
- The Events group are looking for another couple of volunteers to join in the planning of fun - please speak to Nikki if interested or to find out more.
- There are times when the kids area in PT3 is left in a mess and items are being broken. Please ensure children are supervised and damaged items are removed and reported.
- If any members have feedback on how we can improve PT3 for event use (internal & external), please contact Nikki.

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