

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2026

WAKEY, WAKEY!!

Spring is finally on its way and our garden (and its members) are starting to come out of hibernation. If you've not been along for a while, pop in and see how things are coming back to life again. After such a long, wet winter, we need all the Spring enjoyment we can get!



There will be a few upcoming group work sessions to get you all warmed up, as well as starting to get your own beds ready for the new season. A huge thank you to all who helped top up the community beds with compost!

2026 Membership Fees are now due - thanks in advance!

2026 Events

Easter Fun

Sat 4th April, 1 - 4pm

Plant Sale

Sat 16th May

Social Evenings

May - Sept, from 6pm
Last Friday of the month,
BYOB

Horticultural Show

Sat 22nd August

Honey Festival

Sat 5th September

Summer BBQ

Sat 12th September

Halloween

Sat 31st October

Christmas Gathering & Lights Switch On

Sat 4th December

BED MAINTENANCE

From this...



To this...



A huge thank you to our Maintenance Team who have been replacing beds through rain, snow & wind! The project will now pause until Autumn. If your bed urgently needs replaced let Nikki know.

FUNDING UPDATE

The garden has been successful with several grants recently:

- £10k - Timber for beds & member compost (Community Growing)
- £2k - Unrestricted (Pump House Trust)
- £500 - Timber & compost (Stir & BoA Round Table)

Development Officer role is funded until end of 2027 - CMH&WB / Vol Support Fund

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)

- Plant 2nd early & main crop potatoes
- Divide hardy herbs such as chives
- Plant bare root asparagus & jerusalem artichoke
- Plant onions & garlic every few weeks to extend cropping period
- Protect emerging seedlings from slugs
- Sow sweet peas in deep pots indoors
- Feed the birds
- Sow runner & french beans, cucumbers, courgettes, pumpkins & sweetcorn in pots
- Sow quick microgreens (kale, mustard) for pickings in a few weeks
- Keep fleece / cloche handy to protect young plants from late frost
- Look out for aphids on shoot tips & young leaves - wipe away

MEMBER NOTES...

- We are looking for more volunteers for both the Growing & the Events Group. If you would like to help out, or even find out more please contact Nikki or one of the volunteers.
- A Seed Swap box has been set up in PT1. If you have any excess seeds, please pop them in the box, and if you are looking for some additional seeds, please take what you need. Small envelopes have been left so you can easily take a few seeds and leave the extras. Onion sets and seed potatoes also welcome!
- For those who want to help out at different times, there is a list of tasks outside the clubhouse.
- If anyone has clumps of snowdrops, we will happily accept any donations.
- PT3 has been left in a mess recently, again. Please ensure it is tidied and items put away.
- The decking area is very slippery in wet weather, avoid the area. We are fixing this issue.

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