

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - JULY / AUGUST 2026

A DIFFERENT KIND OF GARDEN PARTY!



Following a very kind invite for 10 key volunteers to attend Holyrood's garden Party, some of our most hardworking team got their names pulled out of a hat to attend (us not realising they'll be sporting their own amazing hats!!). A huge thank you to Colonel Alastair Campbell, Deputy Lieutenant for Stirling & Falkirk, for thinking of us! Alastair presented the prizes at our Horticultural Show last year and was extremely impressed by our garden and all its volunteers. Maybe we will be invited again next year...could your name be in the hat for outstanding contribution to the garden?

COMPOSTING



It's that busy time of year for our compost bays. Our Maintenance Team are working hard to get on top of it but in the meantime please use the spare daleks, not the main bay. If they become full let Nikki know directly.

Welcoming our new members!!

**Donna, Kim, Shona, Elle,
Dave & Rosemarie!**

2026 Events

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

Jazz Evening - This Fri, 31st July

For our social evening at the end of July, we will be hosting a wee musical delight - The Tri-Tones! A local jazz trio keen to entertain us from 7pm.

As ever, bring your own food, drinks, family & friends. The evening starts at 6pm, music from 7pm.



Link to some of their music:

<https://youtu.be/2oxejX3l4D0?si=ar0qR9lhapcOsNH->

August 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)

- Keep an eye out for bindweed and mare's tail. Put in the grey bin not the compost
- Harvest tomatoes, cucumbers and chillies regularly to encourage more fruits
- Go on regular snail & slug hunts, especially on damp evenings, to reduce populations
- Pinch out the tops of outdoor tomatoes, as further flowers are unlikely to produce fruits that have time to ripen
- Plant well-rooted strawberry runners into new beds
- Be vigilant for signs of tomato and potato blight, removing affected plants immediately
- Lift onions and shallots once their tops die down, then leave to dry in the sun
- Collect seeds and ripe seed pods

MEMBER NOTES...

- We keep losing water from the IBCs in PT4. Please **do not touch** any of the taps or valves in there. If the tank is empty contact Nikki directly.
- Can we ask members to check their beds and surrounding areas for watering can heads - they keep disappearing!
- The gate is regularly being left open or not closed properly. Please check every time you enter or leave, and use fob to release the magnet if you've taken more than a few seconds to come through. Following on from that lovely dry period, please ensure you are using water wisely. No more than one large watering can per indoor bed, and no more than 3 for outdoor. Sticking a cane deep into your bed will help you judge if watering is needed.
- Apologies for the card machine still being out of order, we hope to have this fixed soon.
- We are looking to book formal beekeeper training for early next year. If anyone is interested please contact Nikki to have a chat and find out more.

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