

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2026

HORTICULTURAL SUCCESS!!



Another great success for our Horticultural Show! We had record entries, just over 100 people through the gates, sunshine & made £570! A huge thank you to all who helped, donated, baked & came along. Seeing it so well attended and participated in makes all the

hard work worth it!



Welcoming our new members!!

Andrew & Marie-Claire,
Barbara, George, Nicole &
Derek

2026 / 27 Events

**Christmas Gathering &
Lights Switch On**
Sat 5th December

Burns Supper
23rd January
Crawford Hall

A huge thank you to all who have helped make our events this year such successes! We can't do it without you all!

On that note, we are looking for another couple of people to join our **Events Group**, to help make 2027 even better!

We are also looking for a few more to join the **Hen Group** - ongoing or stand in basis. Speak to Mandy or Nikki

HONEY FESTIVAL

Given our lack of honey this year, our second Honey Fest was a lovely morning! Friendly, informal and a few more visitors than expected! Having added another hive to the garden, the bees struggled a bit so our beekeepers had to prioritise their wellbeing, rather than harvest honey. And thanking 3 members who will be completing the beekeeper course next year

BED REPLACEMENT

Our hardy Maintenance Team are getting started on more bed replacements. If you have finished growing and would like to get yours prioritised, please let Nikki know.



October / November 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)

- Empty and compost spent summer pots & hanging baskets
- Plant garlic in a sunny, well-drained spot, 5cm below the surface
- Split large clumps of herbs: replant or share
- Wrap grease bands around the base of apple, pear, cherry & plum trees to trap the crawling female winter moth
- Cut fruited rasps & blackberries to the ground
- Sow sweet peas in deep pots indoors for early summer flowers
- Cut back tatty and faded perennials and mulch the surrounding soil
- Take hardwood cuttings from fruit bushes
- Plant onions & shallots in free-draining soil and cover with fleece
- Make sure all tender plants are safely under cover and kept frost free
- Start cleaning pots ready for Spring

MEMBER NOTES...

- Now that the weather is starting to change, can we ask that everyone has a tidy up around their bed, remove any unused netting and take any loose items home so they don't get blown around.
- There have been several reports of people's plant feed and tools being used, particularly in PT4. If it is not yours, please DO NOT use it. If you borrow a tool, put it back. We suggest people also write their names on any items to make clear who it belongs to.
- The garden has a dehydrated that is rarely used! If anyone would like to borrow it, please speak to Nikki.
- There is still compost available to top up your beds - ¼ bag per person please. More is due to be delivered. 2 bags will be left at PT1 & 2 for Growing Group use only.
- Thank you all for your patience regarding PT3. We hope to have it back in use in November, tbc

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