

'Down On The Plot'

Your Allotment News



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Spring Jobs!

Sow indoors:

Tomatoes, Chillies,
Aubergines

Direct sow:

Carrots, Spinach, Beetroot

Plant:

Early potatoes and onion sets

Tasks:

Weeding, mulching, repair raised beds, clear rubbish, clean tools and greenhouses



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Vehicle Access

Access for cars is currently open but may need to change if we get consistent rain to maintain everyone's safety and ground integrity.

Please remember - Vehicle access is to support dropping heavy/bulky equipment to site. Please park cars off site following drop off.



Chickens

The site chickens are loving scratching about in the warmer days!

Great news! On the 9th April 2026, the Avian Flu prevention housing measures were lifted, meaning birds can now be allowed outside.

Facilities

We are really lucky to have a working toilet on site! Thanks to our committee members that do their best to keep it clean and well stocked with the essentials! There is always spare toilet rolls in the cabin.



Wildlife Corner

The bees are back! If you have a spare corner consider planting, Lavender, Calendula or Borage. Even a small patch of flowers can make a big difference. Aim for something in bloom from early spring to late autumn if possible.

Not all bugs are bad, far from it! Ladybirds eat aphids, hoverflies help with pollination and pest control and ground beetles help tackle slugs. Planting Dill, Fennel and Marigolds will help attract these allotment helpers!

Wildlife, just like us need water. A shallow dish with stones (so insects can land safely) or a small pond are a real welcome addition allotment wildlife. Remember to keep it topped up in warmer weather.

Think about some simple bug friendly habitats such as a log piles, stacked stones, hollow stems or dead hedges.

Why not try...

I like using the fruit on my plot to flavour things like Gin or Vodka which I bottle up to give as gifts! I've just pulled the first few sticks of Rhubarb so am sharing my recipe for Allotment Rhubarb Gin!'
(Amber - Plot 10B)

**500g Rhubarb
400g Sugar
1 litre Dry London Gin**

Wash and sterilise a two-litre jar. Add your washed and chopped rhubarb, sugar and gin and give it a good shake. Store in a cool dark cupboard and give it a shake each week to dissolve the sugar. Test at week 3, can always add more sugar if you prefer it a little sweeter.

It should be ready to drink in 4-6 weeks. You can use the same recipe for different fruits such as plums

