



# Newsletter

April 2016

Hello!

Many hands make light work – and the contributions our volunteers have made really show this to be true. But there's so much more to do as the growing season cranks into gear, so please get your gardening gloves on and come down to help us out. There are plenty of jobs to choose from with something to suit everyone.

## Achievements

The site is really starting to look like a garden now. All the serious digging is done and we have been sowing and planting like mad. Fruit trees in the orchard, fruit bushes nearby, potatoes, flowers and lots of seeds. Our water supply is connected – thanks to our allotment neighbours – and a group from Elmbridge Borough Council are starting a fresh air & fitness scheme in the garden as part of their 'healthy walks' offering. Click here or google [Elmbridge healthy walks](#) for details.

## Things to do

We still need to be a bit cautious of late frosts but there are lots of things to sow & plant

- Continue sowing seeds, both in the ground and in the greenhouse
- Pot up and plant out seedlings
- Prepare the volunteer seating area
- Source & build supports for the bird netting on brassicas, peas & fruit
- Prepare a bed for the permanent planting of things like asparagus, herbs, etc.
- Keep weeds under control

No doubt the grass will soon start growing so mowing & edging will become a regular task too.

## Plant swap

Our plant swap is on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** in Cobham Village Hall, starting at 2:30pm.

This was a great success last year and enjoyed by all who attended. Bring along some plants and exchange them for any other plants in the hall. Plants can also be bought for cash. This is a great way to share your successes and try out something different. There will be a display about the Garden, a short talk about the Transition Movement and the Garden, a stall from Cobham Garden Club, refreshments to buy and a raffle.

## Open Day

The Garden Open Day is on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May** starting at 10:00 at the garden. There will be a formal opening ceremony at 11:00 with local Surrey councillor Mary Lewis, who has been an enthusiastic CCG supporter. Refreshments will be available and maybe (just maybe) we'll have some produce for sale.

A great opportunity to find out what we're doing, so please come along and bring your friends.