

June 2021

Newsletter

2021 is turning out to be a better year for the Community Garden, despite the third lockdown restrictions. Our volunteer numbers have swelled, and on Saturday mornings we not only do lots of digging and planting, but they are very sociable affairs too.

We open the garden **every Saturday morning from 10am - 12 noon** to everyone who is interested in gardening, not to mention those willing to help our local community.



This summer we offered four gardeners on the waiting list for an allotment the opportunity to use our spare beds. It's good to see lots of seedlings planted out, runner bean poles set up and carefully tended patches of potatoes, tomatoes and beans.

Our youth group from St Andrew's Church is particularly dedicated to trying out lots of new vegetables, and the Cobham Free School (CFS) hold a lesson related to the environment there each week. We have regular volunteers who don't have gardens and enjoy the space not only for gardening, but also for wellbeing and exercise.

On a less joyful note, our supporters cleared up the mess left by vandals over the winter, and we gave away the badly damaged small greenhouse to an allotment holder who could repair and make use of it.

Special thanks to Tony for repairing our sheds and greenhouses, Joyce for tidying up and transforming the compost area, Howard for tending the fruit trees, David for managing CFS and Ian for mowing the grass regularly. We couldn't manage without you.

New Volunteers

We will be at the garden at times **outside the regular Saturday opening**, so if you would like to come along and just meet us, or help us weed the beds or tend the vegetables, please let us know. One of us will open the garden at a mutually convenient time. If you know anyone who you feel could benefit from being in the fresh air and taking exercise in a safe environment, please encourage them to contact us.

Get involved

This a call for new members. Do get in touch, or encourage others to do so.

We need novice gardeners as well as gardening experts.

Maybe you can help with advice on what to grow and where, how to treat that pest and when to undertake that task ?

Contact us on hello@cobhamcommunitygarden.org.uk or www.CobhamCommunityGarden.org.uk for more information.

