



Sidcup Garden Project News letter

January/February 2016

Garden update

December's gardening event had plenty of support and went well with a large skip being filled with all the accumulated waste from the garden and a great deal of path sweeping needed to clear all the mud from planting in wet weather.

January's event was a little wet but still well attended with plenty of weeding, pruning, path cleaning and sweeping getting done and which has left the garden looking great.

Committee Meeting

- Rob was pleased to tell us we are in a shortlist for a Tesco community grant project which is very exciting and we await news
- At future gardening sessions we are going to have a formal tea break where we stop half way through for a drink and a chat
- The bed next to the fence is part sponsored and the other half will be the responsibility of the garden volunteers. Tom Baker is going to lead a "sub-committee" to plan the planting – anyone with planting experience or just enthusiasm please contact Tom via the Sidcup Garden Project email address or seek him out at the February gardening session.
- Also discussed was the amount of effort that will be needed to keep the grass mowed in the summer. Anyone who might have some time available during the week to assist fortnightly with mowing or collect grass, could they let one of the committee know – Malcom Greening will lead on mowing.
- We discussed lone gardening again - If anyone is going to garden alone and is not in a position to let a friend or relative know where they are going or when they will be back please let Sarah know and she will find a volunteer on the committee to act as a "buddy" and take a text or call when they plan to go
- Any ideas for the promotion of the garden in the community will be welcome.

Other news

Next Garden tasks

- Collecting remaining leaves
- Finish pruning rosemary and other centre beds
- Sweeping paths and scrapping mud from the edges

Next Meetings

Due to the poor light we will stick to mornings for the time being, the next two sessions will be 10 am:
Saturday 13th February
Saturday 12th of March
Where possible the 2nd Saturday in the months will be continued

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