



Sidcup Garden Project Newsletter



May/ June 2016

Garden update

Amazing progress has been made with all beds except the one plagued with Japanese Knotweed. All are now planted. The wet weather has meant that both weeds and grass have grown with enthusiasm but thanks to a great deal of effort outside of the regular sessions by some of our volunteers, the garden continues to look great.

The first additional session on a Tuesday afternoon went well despite the weather (a brief lull in the rain) which impacted numbers. The next additional session is this Saturday, the 25th at 10am.

To keep the grass tidy we are looking to form two teams of 3 to mow/ edge and collect grass every other fortnight, possibly Tuesday afternoons. If you think you can help please get in touch.

We would like to increase volunteer numbers to help keep the Garden looking good so please could you share this newsletter with any one you feel may be interested.

Committee Meeting

- The Tesco money is due at any moment and although mid-summer is not the ideal time for planting, it is a great time for putting plans together for action in Autumn and next Spring that will ensure the garden's future for many years to come
- The Japanese Knotweed is sprouting and treatment will start shortly. A large quantity has also been found in the bed between the two benches on the far wall of the garden and unfortunately cannot be weeded for now to ensure the treatment is a success.

Date for your diaries – open day

- On Saturday 30th July we are holding an Open Day to promote the use of the garden and raise awareness in the area. More details to follow. Even if you are not involved in the gardening, please put the date in your diary to come along and support us.

Other news

Next Garden tasks

- Edging the beds is ongoing and effort will be needed at every session
- For now it is weeding, weeding, weeding to try and rid beds of entrenched weeds ready for bark chippings to be applied

Next Meetings

The next sessions will be at 10 am:
 Saturday 25th June
 Saturday 9th July
 Saturday 23rd July
 Thursday 26th July
 The 2nd Saturday in the month will continue with extra sessions this Summer

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