

Gardenshare Newsletter

Bringing Gardeners and Garden Owners Together

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Welcome to the third edition of the Gardenshare Newsletter.

Your Gardenshare scheme needs you, or to be more precise, your garden! You may be aware that Dorchester is full of enthusiastic gardeners on allotment waiting lists, who would be super-keen to get into your back – or front – garden and start growing their own. So if you have an outdoor space, whether big or small, that you're not using why not considering contacting us. The scheme enables people who want to grow their own fruit, flowers or veg but lack the space to do so, the opportunity to use someone else's garden to get growing. We view each garden and meet each gardener, so that we can match expectations and requirements. You will be rewarded with a share of whatever is grown and, whilst this is not a garden maintenance scheme, your garden should be tidier too!

For those of you already involved in the scheme, this is a very exciting time of year, as the fruits of all that hard work become apparent. Growing your own is a great way to get back in touch with the seasonality of food; but whether you are currently a grower or not, why not aim to build more of your meals this month around the great local, seasonal food we have available in Dorset? Strawberries, new potatoes, broad beans, courgettes, peas, spinach, tomatoes . . . and that's just for starters! Remember the more we demand local, seasonal produce from our shops, the more they will have to provide.

Happy Gardensharing!
Liz, Gardenshare Coordinator

Community Farm Open Meeting **13th July Borough Arms 'Skittle Ally'** **7pm for 7.30pm start**

TTD is very excited to have secured a 2 acre site for a Community Farm from the Duchy of Cornwall. Based in Poundbury, the site is located behind the Weymouth College Construction Centre and Sunny Days nursery. After a really successful open day event on the site last month, there will be an open meeting for anyone interested in the project on 13 July at 7pm.

The agenda for this meeting includes discussion of the possible layout, identifying priorities, looking for leaders on various aspects and setting a broad timetable for the project's development. So whether you are keen to get digging, have project management experience or would simply like to hear what the possible plans are for the site, please come along.

More details on the website:

www.transitiontowndorchester.org/communityfarm.html

or email the project leader Ian:

farm@transitiontowndorchester.org

Fancy Helping Out?

The Gardenshare project is always on the look out for keen people to help out with the organisation and promotion of the scheme. If you would like to help in any capacity, from having half an hour to spare to put up posters to viewing gardens, planning events or mentoring new gardeners, do get in touch. Liz is kept very busy with her full time job and would love to have some help to expand the project to its full potential!

Get in touch

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