

Community Food Growers Newsletter



Christmas gift ideas from our Community Food Growers

The Edible Garden will have a stall selling preserves made from garden produce at the St Ronan's PS PTA Christmas Fair on 30th November (See school facebook page for more info). We will also have copies of You Can Grow for sale that night at a special price with all funds going to support The Edible Garden. The book is a beginners guide to gardening that our gardener wrote in partnership with the You Can Cook initiative.

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St Ronan's Wells Garden

2023 Calendar



Add a little bit of body text

An A4 calendar, filled with inspiring garden photos, and space to write engagements.

£9 each (*all proceeds to garden*)

Contact Jan Cameron on Facebook

e: jan.cam3ron@gmail.com OR 07739031868

To donate towards our path renovation fund, visit:
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/st-ronans-wells-garden>

Greener Peebles, Christmas Crafts



Greener Peebles will have a stall at The Bridge Christmas Market and Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th November 10am - 1pm at the Burgh Hall in Peebles.

We will be selling chutney made with apples and onions from the garden, upcycled Christmas decorations and crackers, willow stars, and Christmas cards, all made at Skill Shares held in the garden and led by our volunteers.

Come along and say hi!



The Edible Garden

We partnered with P7 at St Ronan's Primary School for the Harvest Celebration in October. The pupils presented their research on harvesting year round, especially what can be picked throughout the year in The Edible Garden.



A group of pupils also helped to arrange a brilliant display of produce from the garden. Every item on the display was handed out to families attending the celebration in a gesture of giving and sharing, so no food was wasted.

Greener Peebles, Green Hallowe'en



We were delighted to welcome Clare Donaldson to the Greener Peebles community garden to demonstrate a 'Green Hallowe'en', with traditional games and activities.

She reminded us that Hallowe'en is about much more than ghost stories - it's also about using everyday and natural items to make costumes and have fun. Parents and children alike had a great time dooking for apples from our orchard, storytelling with the company of two turnip lanterns, collecting leaves and sticks to make a mask, and a sticky bonus - no-hands treacle scones! Many thanks to Clare for bringing this experience to the garden.



Burnfoot Hub

Some of the amazing garden produce grown in Burnfoot Hub Community Garden. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for all the work they have done this year. We're all looking forward to having some pumpkin soup.'



BURNFOOT
Community Futures



Abundant Borders



We have been running our "Little Robins" project with Cockburnspath Primary School throughout 2022.

Pupils have grown food throughout the year, including beans, potatoes, courgettes, peas, corn, herbs and salads... and of course pumpkins.

The course ended with a harvest festival event where the whole school made two different kinds of pumpkin soup.



If any other groups would like to know about our certificated Little Robins Programme they can contact karen@abundantborders.org.uk.



And lastly, the shed has gone on site as the next part of developments at Kelso Community Garden in partnership with Eildon and Kelso High School.

Remembering Together

Duns-based artists Katherina Radeva and Alister Lownie have begun collecting memories of the pandemic to create a memorial of this time for the Scottish Borders.

They are looking for all sorts of contributions: text, photos, sound recordings, video. It can be something made during the pandemic, or something about that time, and the project includes every kind of experience or reflection, positive or challenging.

This is part of a project called Remembering Together, taking place across Scotland, with a particular focus on those people most impacted.

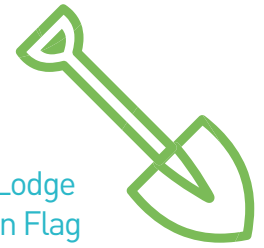
Community gardens, and those who create them, are part of that, and so Katherina and Alister would love to hear from groups or individuals about their experiences -- or come along to meet you and your gardens!

Please email RTBorders@twodestinationlanguage.com, to suggest times to discuss how you can get involved, or invite Katherina and Alister to come along and join a session!



Celebrating Success

The Council's own Community Food Growing Garden, The Walled Garden in Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick recently won two national Awards having been nominated in the Green Flag Awards 'Best of the Best' Competition.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR




LISA BRYDON
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR




Lisa Brydon, who manages the garden - including social prescribing, organic food growing and managing the volunteer workforce - won 'Employee of the Year'.

TEAM OF THE YEAR VOLUNTEERS



WILTON LODGE WALLED GARDEN



The Wilton Lodge Walled Garden Volunteer Team won 'Volunteer Team of the year'.



An outstanding achievement in a national competition across a network of >2000 Green Flag Parks - testament to their year-round hard work & commitment delivering a low carbon, sustainable project making a real difference to people's lives.

