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## Croftburn Allotments Newsletter

Taps-Aff this month...

We have had our fair share of heat and rain and a bit of everything in between this month, but overall the beautiful calm evenings, with powder blue skies, have been an absolute delight.

If you managed to keep your veg standing upright, protected from the pesky slugs and birds and gave them just the right amount of classical music, you should by now have enjoyed some of your potatoes, onions and garlic that you had in the ground.

As the lovely days slowly drift past and we tend to our now established beans and tomatoes and begin to reap the harvests from our hard work earlier in the rain this year, I hope you will continue to seek out new opportunities to plant for the coming autumn.

The Allotment life is looking forward, remembering the past and enjoying every morsel of the present and so it is this month where some fruit is harvested, and the delights are coming thick and fast. (Like the weeds)

If you have an overabundance of courgette, think Chutneys. There are some great recipes around. When up for the next Communal Day, I'll have some ready for you to look at. Anyone else have any ideas for keeping our veg longer?

In closing, we should be thinking about having a get together! I am looking for 3 Volunteers to head this one. Get in touch with me to know more.

To stay up to date with current information, access the [News](#) and [Calendar](#) on our website, using your Login details. (Note some of the links below only work when logged in)

All the best and see you down the allotment.

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**Communal Day (6) - NOTE: 06 August** 10:00-12:30. There are only 4 Communal Days left for 2022. We would dearly love to see you for a meet up and chat.

Please bring a plate of homemade goodies with you - just 1 small plate - we want nothing wasted! If you grew it and then made it (100%), you get a Curly Wurly! Refreshments available.

**July/August Inspection** - Our second inspection for 2022 will be happening soon. Note, the Committee will be focussing on Full Cultivation and Maintenance. This will include the new rule being introduced from the AGM in 2021 that will look at excessive materials on plots, and focus on Weeds, Borders (Internal and External) and of course, your excellent cultivation. If you need to get in touch regarding the inspection, please contact the Membership secretary.

Please remember when weeding - Your external paths are your responsibility too. Main Path from Tool shed and Micro plots on the East side, you're looking pretty overgrown!

**Arts and Crafts Club** - Trudy and Catherine (Tina) have been working on bringing to the allotments an Arts and Crafts club and would like to open that up to any members who would like to join. The dates are this weekend, Saturday 30/07/2022 - 10.00-12.00 in The Hub. The next day will be Tuesday 09/08/2022 - 18.00-20.00. Any questions, please get in touch.

**Gas Safe Engineer** - Any members Gas Safe Engineer? We need to certify our cooker and setup before I contact an outside contractor? Please contact me if you can assist.

**Old Clothes, Sheets, Rags** - If you have any old t-shirts, sheets and general rags we can cut up and use for painting days and cleaning tools, it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the Tool Shed with the other donations when possible.

**Flag Stones/Slabs** - Do you have any or know where some are laying to bring for the poly tunnel? 2x2's would be a great help. Get in touch with one of the Committee to collect.

**Personal Cups** - CAA is moving away from single use cups and would like Members to bring their own cup to Communal Days. There will also be a place in The Hub to hang your mug for future days and general catch ups. In the words of Rhianna, 'put a ring on it' (or name... both work for me)

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## What Should I Be Growing?

July - you have a little longer to grow a bit more lettuce, but it won't last much after that. Kale would be good to get in the ground, especially winter Kale, and if you like your Neeps, now is the time.

Really, though, keep up the weeding, it will get easier I promise. One section at a time makes for a happy gardener. Water when dry and best of all, enjoy your harvests.

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## High Achievers

This month, take a walk past Plots 2 (so very tidy and the veg super happy), Plot 3 (The name tags are excellent) Plot 4 (I like the raised beds), Plot 9 (Oh the flowers), Plot 11 (Looking amazing again this year), Plot 21 (massive work here and super ordered), Plot 25 (what a transformation and really impressive Slate Name plates), Plot 28 (Growing really well), Plot 29 (There is variety for you here) and Micro Plots B (amazing growing going on in this space), Plot C (even with the super dry ground plants are flourishing) and Plot M (okay, what music are they playing to these veg?)

Well done, and looking forward to seeing who it appearing here next Newsletter.

Photos from the Allotment can be found on our [Instagram](#) page.

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## Thought of the Month

“The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on the body, but the soul”

Alfred Austin

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## Stats

Current Allotments - 62 | Vacant - 3 | Waiting List - 26

Communal Day - 5 | Attendees - 10

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