

# Bulletin

August 2025

## Latest News

- Plot-holders inspired to make their own plant sprays and brews following recent course
- New sites and partners participating in CropDrop
- Lobbying in support of allotments
- Updates on Association Activities



*Members attend a free course on making their own plant sprays and brews organised by the Association*



## Resources:

For tips on what to do in August and much more, take a look at our [website](#).

Click [here](#)

## Trading Hut

The Trading Hut will be open as usual from 10.00-12.00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>h</sup> August 2025 but will be closed on Bank Holiday weekend (30<sup>th</sup> August).

## Plant Sprays and Brews

The Plant Sprays and Brews course organised by the Association and led by Carol Stone at the start of July at Alice Park was a resounding success. Inspired by what she learned on the course one of our members, with support from the Association, is trialling a communal brewing station on the Lower Common East site. We will update you on how it works out.



*Members have a go  
at making plant  
brews*



# BATH ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

## Upcoming Events:

Growing Perennials  
and Unusual  
Vegetables: 16<sup>th</sup>  
August. 11.00-12.30

More details [here](#)

## The Annual Flower & Produce Show

Save the date.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
14.00-17.00 Claverton Down  
Community Hall.

Registration for entries is  
open online. Lots of different  
entry categories available.

Full details [here](#)

## CropDrop is Back



*CropDrop contributions from the Monksdale site*

CropDrop goes from strength to strength with a new link starting at Larkhall. This summer Larkhall is partnering with New Oriel Hall. This site joins the existing partnerships between Combe Down, Threeways School and St Andrew's Community Church, Bloomfield and Monksdale with Oasis Roundhill Pantry, Lower Common East and West with Mercy in Action Pantry and Claremont with New Oriel Hall. Many thanks to all those who make this happen.



*Fiona Bell and  
Jon Walker  
install the new  
CropDrop  
cupboard at  
the Larkhall  
site*



National Allotments  
Week 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August

A few members have entered the National Allotments Society photo competition and have shared pictures of their 'happy place'. We look forward to viewing the results.

Date for your Diary

AGM 18<sup>th</sup> November at  
Museum of Bath at Work. 6.30  
p.m. for 7.00. p.m.



## Lobbying in Support of Allotments

Although allotment provision is protected under various acts of Parliament and demand for allotment plots is high, allotments in the UK face increasing pressure from housing development with these valuable green spaces being eyed for new construction projects. One of many benefits of joining Bath Allotments Association is to add your voice to the work we do to make sure that decision-makers are fully aware of the many benefits that allotments offer and the need for them to be supported and protected.

To increase awareness, we have been inviting local Councillors to come to sites to see the benefits (and the challenges) for themselves.



*Councillor Jess David (left) and Councillor John Leach (second right) visiting Moorfields Allotments*

Councillor Jess David (Moorlands Ward and Member Advocate for Green Infrastructure and Nature Recovery) and Councillor John Leach (Walcot Ward and Member Advocate for Climate Resilience) have paid visits to Claremont and Moorfields allotments this summer. They saw the work the Association is doing to encourage regenerative growing and tackling hard-to-let plots. We are appreciative of their support and positive responses to our objectives.



## Volunteering Opportunities

Have you a little time to spare?

Why not join our friendly team of volunteers.

Bath Allotments Association has a wide range of volunteering opportunities available – helping at the Trading Hut; providing admin support; contributing to social media; giving advice to those new to growing and much more. If you are interested in contributing in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Maria at [info@banes-allotments.org.uk](mailto:info@banes-allotments.org.uk)

We are also fortunate in having a very knowledgeable planning officer who monitors planning applications and any legislative or policy changes that are likely to impact us locally. She has recently written on our collective behalf, to our MP (Wera Hobhouse) expressing her concern about the absence of protection for allotments in the forthcoming Planning and Infrastructure Bill and supporting an amendment to rectify this omission.

## Updates on Association Activities

### Gateway to Muck! Or Leap of Faith over-the-edge?

Thanks to the hard work by, and persistence of, the site rep, Dasha Charlton, new access gates have finally been installed in the top fence to Abbey View allotments to allow easier tipping of leaf mulch onto this steeply sloping site. The cost was paid for by the WatermyPlot project and the aim is to encourage the use of mulches to reduce water usage.



*New gates at Abbey View Allotments site*



We are pleased to announce that the Association's bid for a small grant of £600 to make use of spring water on the Claremont site has been successful. We will keep you updated on progress.

## Lower Common West communal shed gets a new roof

The communal shed on the Lower Common West site has a new roof in readiness for the installation of 2 x 1000 litre communal rainwater tanks – thanks to the grant from the WatermyPlot project.

*Before and after photos of the communal shed*



## Expanding Micro-plots on Claremont

The Association is taking on the derelict plot featured in the photos below and will turn it into a productive extension to the current Claremont microplot with the support of the money from the WatermyPlot grant and a lot of hard work. Why do plots get into this state when there are long waiting lists? This is a burning question we are trying to tackle.



*Derelict plot on Claremont to become Microplot*



Is there a project that you would like to see happen on your site? Why not think about applying for a small project grant from the Association. Click [here](#) for more details.