



Barracks Lane Community Garden

It's been busy in the garden since we last updated you!

Our Harvest Festival was the best day of the year (so far!). Over 150 members of the community joined us to make their own pizzas with the Pizza Midwife, create art sculptures from recycled materials with Groovy Su, cook popcorn over the fire and enjoy music by our own DJ Baps (Secretary and Trustee John Green).

Talking of Trustees (sort of!), we are looking for a couple of new Trustees to join us and help take the garden to the next stage in its development. Do you have a couple of hours a month spare and have skills in finance, marketing, events or anything else that you think the garden might need? If yes, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please drop Jenny (Chair of Trustees)

an [email](#).

Could YOU be
one of our new

Trustees?

Barracks Lane Community Garden
are looking for a few new trustees

Barracks Lane



Community Garden

What is a trustee and what would I need to do?

- We are a friendly group who are all passionate about local green spaces and engaging people with them.
- Barracks Lane Community Garden Project is a registered charity and a limited company.
- As a trustee you will also be a director of the company.
- There are between 6 and 12 trustee meetings each year - we hope trustees will be able to attend all of these but in reality this is not always the case. Some people do not attend many trustee meetings but do other tasks or work on a particular project.
- As a trustee you will have a legal responsibility to ensure that the charity is well governed and working according to its memorandum of association.
- We work to a strategic plan which we update and report against on a regular basis.
- There is lots of scope for trustees to bring their own new ideas and develop their own projects with the agreement of other trustees. We welcome these initiatives.
- The Garden is well used and enjoyed by a wide variety of families and individuals.
- You will be given a full induction to the garden.
- The hours required varies hugely depending on the role people take on. We say three hours each month is standard to cover the basics. This may include attending one of our friendly meetings one month, supporting an event another month, reading emails, doing a bit of outreach work, etc.



If this sounds like something you'd be interested in let us know - we can send you a set of meeting minutes and the last financial report to have a look at. On our website in the resources section you will also find copies for our newsletters and the last Annual Report.

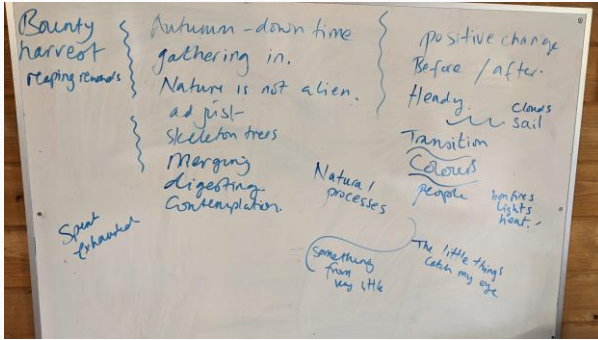
You may also like to talk with an existing trustee to explore things in more details.

For more information please contact Hannah: barrackslanegarden@yahoo.co.uk

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The **Singing and Sharing Project** funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and facilitated by the talented Emily Marshall has got off to a wonderful start. It's not too late to join in. The group will be meeting at the garden every Monday 1pm - 3pm till Monday 22nd November 2021.





We told you in the August newsletter that we submitted our **Wild Edges project** (supported by TOE) for the green strand of the **Oxford Preservation Trust Awards**. The project has only gone and been shortlisted! Whoop, whoop. We are so excited. Dan and Hannah will be going to the event next week. We will share the outcome in the next newsletter - fingers crossed!



November is a busy month!

Yes it's back! On **Sunday 7th November** we are hosting our **Festival of Fire and Light**. Come and join us for more pizzas, pumpkin soup made over the open fire, lantern and head dress making, all topped off by a procession round

the fire at 5pm. Big thanks to [Good Food Oxfordshire](#) for providing us with a micro grant to support this event #EatYourPumpkin #PumpkinRescue



Festival of Fire & Light

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Sun 7th Nov 2021 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Join us to make:

- Lanterns and head dresses
- Pumpkin soup over the fire ready to eat from 4pm
- Your own pizza served from 1.30pm until we're sold out



Join our Procession around the garden at 5pm led by Groovy Su to celebrate fire, light and the art made on the day!

Donations (card or cash) for food & drinks welcome.

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Then on **Sunday 28th November** we have our **Wreath Making Workshops**, overseen by the brilliant florist Hilary Squire. We are running two workshops. One 10am - 12 noon, the other 1pm - 3pm. We have ten places available at each session so you need to book by contacting [Hannah](#). We are requesting a donation of £25 per person to take part, which includes all the wreath materials, a hot drink (non alcoholic mulled wine will be available) and a mince pie. You can pay the donation on the day (card or cash), or via bank transfer

beforehand.

Wreath Workshop

Sunday 28th Nov 2021

10-12 noon
or 1-3pm

We ask for a £25 donation per person. This includes all wreath-making materials, a hot drink and a mince pie. This can be paid on the day or in advance. Concessions available.

The garden will be open 10am - 3pm for community members who are not taking part in the workshop to also enjoy the garden, sandpit and outdoor kitchen.

Soft + Hot drinks and mince pies will be available for a donation. We accept cash or card.

Places for the workshop are limited and must be booked in advance by emailing: barrackslanegarden@yahoo.co.uk

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Sunday Garden Guardians

As the nights draw in and the weather becomes more wintery (some might say the summer has been pretty wintery!) the Garden Guardians will no longer be opening the garden on a Sunday. The last day they will be on-hand to offer a drink, newspaper to read, snack and a chat will be Sunday 31st October 10am - 2pm.

To celebrate Zoe will be offering **10 minute Qigong sessions at 11am and 1pm**. Qigong is an accessible form of embodied movement where breathing, intention and gentle physical movement work together to support greater flexibility, openness and flow in body and being. Qigong is oriented around connection with nature and the changing seasons, and Sunday's 10 minute sessions will reflect this. Do pop by, say hello and join in the Qigong.

Big thanks to Emma, Hilary, Zoe and Helen for being great guardians this year. We look forward to **re-opening on a Sunday 6th March 2022**.

Do you follow us on Social Media?

If not, please do, as this is where we post our updates and event information.

We are on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Please give us a like, follow us and share our events!

We aren't on Twitter yet - should we be? If yes, please let [Hannah](#) know.

Great venue for a gathering, kids party, art or yoga class

We've already mentioned that winter is coming, but this doesn't mean you can't still enjoy the garden. The garden is available to hire 12 months of the year. It is a great place for an extended family gathering, kids party, or to host a workshop or class. One of our friends of the garden is doing just that:



Art for relaxation

Unlock creativity in a relaxed atmosphere with chat, tea and music in cosy cabin in Barracks Lane Garden, Cowley, Oxford.

7 - 8.30pm Friday November 19th
7 - 8.30pm Friday November 26th
7 - 8.30pm Friday December 3rd

£15 per session. Book one session or all.
Materials and tea/coffee included
No art experience necessary!

Email roz miles@gmail.com

Tickets: <https://www.artforrelaxation.eventbrite.com>

If you would like to book the garden you can check our [calendar](#) to see when it is not being used and on our website there is all the information you need to know about [booking the garden](#). Any questions, please drop [Hannah](#) an email.

We hope to see many of you at one of our upcoming events. If not, keep snug and stay safe.

Best wishes

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