

Spring is here, and so are we!

We are opening!

Come along to the garden and enjoy some fresh air.

You can read the newspaper, enjoy a drink, cake or biscuit, take a look at our new raised beds, or if you feel a bit more energetic you can do some light garden tasks!





There will be a Garden Guardian on-hand to give advice, talk about the garden and ensure that government covid guidelines are adhered to (to keep us all safe).



The garden will welcome visitors 10am – 2pm on these dates:

Sunday 18th April Sunday 2nd May Sunday 16th May Sunday 30th May Sunday 13th June Sunday 27th June





For more information please email: barrackslanegarden@yahoo.co.uk



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Do you want to spend time outside with your household or support bubble, but don't have access to your own garden? With thanks to #NationalLottery families who do not have access to a Safe Green Space can book this garden, for free.



You could use the garden for exercise or relaxation and bring some nature into your life. This should help boost your mental and physical wellbeing and build your resilience. May be fun too.

To find out more, including the latest guidelines we have in place to keep us all safe, please contact us by email: barrackslanegarden@yahoo.co.uk

Thanks to #NationalLottery players for making this project possible.





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The garden has been very lucky to be awarded a grant by the National Lottery Community Fund. This grant will allow us to open up the garden to the local

community every other weekend with a garden guardian supervising. The dates we are scheduled to be open so far from **10am-2pm** are:

- Sunday 18th April
- Sunday 2nd May
- Sunday 16th May
- Sunday 30th May
- Sunday 13th June
- Sunday 27th June

We look forward to seeing you!

At other times the grant will allow vulnerable families and groups to book the garden for free. The garden recognizes that spending time exercising in a green space or bringing nature into people's lives can benefit both their mental and physical wellbeing, and help build resilience. If you, or you know a family who doesn't have access to a garden please contact <u>Hannah</u>.

In addition to opening up the garden, the grant also contributes towards the cost of replacing the pillars that hold up the green roof on our outdoor kitchen. This will help to ensure the sustainability of the structure and allow for refreshments to be served and prepared outdoors.

Growing Vegetables: Growing Communities

We have been awarded a grant from the University of Oxford Small Community Grant Scheme to contribute towards our Growing Vegetables: Growing Communities project. Thank you University of Oxford.

This project will give young people and their families the opportunity to engage in growing fruits and vegetables in the garden, via weekend workshops. The new raised beds will showcase local, seasonal and organic food production. Watch this space for workshop dates!

We are looking for a Community Engagement

Gardener

Sadly Ruth, who has looked after the garden so lovingly for the past few years, and has recently created our bee-friendly raised bed haven, is off to pastures new. Thank you Ruth for all your hard work and good luck. The garden is looking amazing.

We are looking for someone with gardening experience and some practical skills e.g. carpentry and general repairs. They will have exceptional interpersonal skills and be a great communicator. Via the Garden Guardian project they must be able to able to work with our volunteers and welcome visitors to the garden, ensuring that the physical space is beautifully maintained and secured. They must be enthusiastic about involving the community in our projects and take an active role in leading workshops.

The contract is for one year initially to provide the equivalent of 19 days on-site care-taking and gardening services, some of which will be on Saturdays or Sundays. The work will be undertaken on a freelance self-employed basis and the contractor will be responsible for his/her own tax and national insurance. The start date for this work will be from April 2021 for 12 months but subject to a 3 monthly review.

Expressions of interest (letter and CV) need to be received by email to <u>Hannah</u> by 9th April 2021 and interviews will be conducted at the garden on Sunday 18th April 2021. Enquiries can also be emailed to Hannah.

Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Barracks Lane Community Garden

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