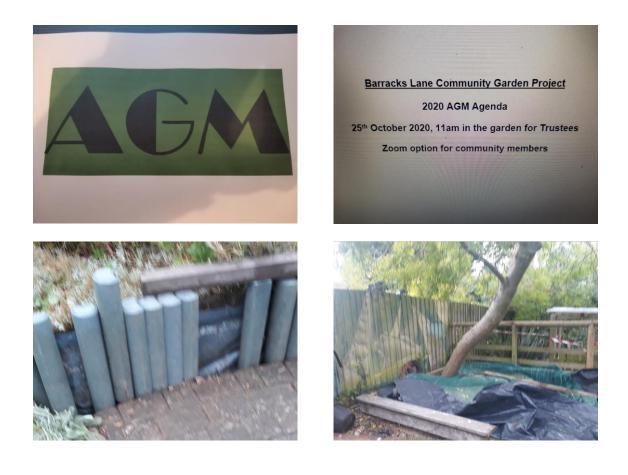


Can you believe it's that time of year again?

Barracks Lane Community Garden Annual General Meeting



As always, we welcome you to join us for our AGM on Sunday 25th Ocotber at 11am, but we need to do things a bit different this year to ensure we comply with Government Guidelines. The Trustees will be meeting in the garden. If you'd like to take part you can do so via Zoom. Please contact <u>Hannah</u> who will send you the zoom meeting link on the morning of 25th October.

During the meeting there will be a report from our Chair, Jenny Creese, a presentation of the Company Accounts and Annual Financial Report, and we will confirm the Trustees. If you'd like to be a trustee, please do let us know. We are always looking for new ideas and skills, particularly now as we face very different times and are learning to adapt to new ways of opening the garden.

So, what's been happening since we emailed last?

Our **Harvest Gathering** in September was a wonderful day. Our visitors spoiled us with the produce they donated for the swap. We had homemade jams, posies of flowers, herbs, vegetables and more! It was lovely to be able to share the garden safely, with the community. Music played by our Trustee Secretary, John, helped the day go with a swing, and Roger, who has done a fantastic job keeping the garden looking so tidy, treated the Trustees to a BBQ!

We reported a few months ago that we had been awarded funding supported by Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment with funding from Grundon Waste Management Limited to carryout our **Wild Edges** project. This project will see the replacement of the wooden raised bed pillars with pillars made from recycled composite plastic. The pillars have arrived, work has begun (see photo above) and the insect friendly pollinator plants arrive in the next few weeks. Its very exciting and we can't wait to show you photos when it is complete.

Work has started on moving the **sandpit** (see photo above). The new site will provide shade for our younger users, and a seating area for parents and careers. The space left by the sandpit means that we are now left with a versatile flat space that we can use for seating (once we can re-open our outdoor kitchen) a performance space or workshop area.

A reminder, that we can take bookings for a single family, or bubble, or a mixed group of up to six people (including children). If you are interested in booking the garden, there are some guidelines you would need to follow to ensure we keep everyone safe. Please contact <u>Hannah</u> and she will take you through things.

We hope you all stay well.

Take care.

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