

BRIDPORT and DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Summer Visit to Burton Bradstock

Our summer meeting traditionally takes the form of a visit to one of the local allotment sites, and this year it was the turn of Burton Bradstock, whose allotments are managed by the parish council and the local society.

We met on site on a pleasant June evening, and were welcomed and shown round by local resident and committee member Geoff Adderley. We met some of the plotholders of the well-kept allotments in their beautiful setting beside the river, and were also shown the small community orchard which has been established on one area of the site.

The parish council has 55 allotments of varying sizes - some of the allotments are on National Trust land. The parish council will over a period of time be re-establishing those paths that have been eroded, in order to make the paths safer and more user-friendly.

The Bridport and District Allotments Society's next meeting will be the 2017 **Annual General Meeting**, to be held at Bridport Town Council's offices at Mountfield, Rax Lane, on **Thursday 21 September, 7 pm**. All members are welcome.

The meeting will appoint the Society's officers and committee members for the coming year. If you are interested in helping the Society with its work by becoming a committee member, please contact the Secretary, Lynne Atkinson, on [REDACTED]



Next BADAS Meeting - AGM, Thursday 21 September 2017

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All members welcome..

News from the Bridport Community Allotment

Bridport Community Allotment held its annual Open Afternoon on Thursday 17 August during National Allotment Week. Luckily the weather was decent and we attracted a fair amount of visitors who enjoyed our fabulous range of cakes and bakes.

We also had produce and plant tables and some very popular jams, pickles and chutneys. As always the donations were very generous which made the hard work of the allotmenters worthwhile and will allow us to stock up with seeds, compost etc next season. A big thanks to everyone who contributed.

We are continuing to harvest runner and French beans galore - I think everyone's freezer is now full! - and are getting plenty of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and chillies from the polytunnel. Our show bed of flax has been cut with the seeds dried and saved and the stalks passed on to someone who will be using them to make skeps, a traditional type of beehive.



We have sown one empty bed with winter green manure and others will follow as they are cleared. It will very soon be time to stop our weekly meetings (where has the year gone?) which usually happens after **Apple Day**, this year's is on **Saturday 14 October**. During the winter months we shall meet on a monthly basis on the first Thursday through until about mid-March when the weekly sessions start again for the new season.

Jenn Baker. Community Allotment Organiser



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Membership of the Bridport & District Allotments Society costs £2 per annum, and an up-to-date card gives entitlement to discounts e.g. on some items at Groves. Our Membership Secretary/Treasurer Mandy Rathbone will send out your membership card when she receives your subscription, which is due in December For information please contact Mandy by email at [redacted] Also will members please remember to update Mandy with any change of address, telephone number or e-mail address.

Receiving the newsletter: We now send out the newsletter, meeting agenda and minutes by email — if any member is unable to receive these by email, please contact the Secretary, Lynne Atkinson, or [redacted] to receive a copy by post or hand delivery.

Newsletter contributions welcome: if you have any items you would like to see included in future issues of our Newsletter (which comes out quarterly) or if there are subjects you would like us to cover, please contact the Editor, Charles Wild, by email at [redacted] Contributions to the next edition (articles, news items and/or photographs) are welcome at any time, but by **20 November 2017** please. Many thanks for contributions this time - please keep them coming.

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