



Upcoming Events in your Community Garden

October

Monday 26th: Shamanic Drumming Circle with Rowena Hillier 5pm.

All are welcome to come along and join us. Afterwards there is social time with a hot drink and cake. Shamanic Drumming Circles are for donations to the Community Garden.

Last Community Gardening Wednesday: 28th October. Winter Opening Starts.

November

Sunday 15th: Big Autumn Sow ~ Reseeding our Wildflower Meadow

Winter Opening Times

As we move into the darker months, the garden will be changing to its winter opening times from the beginning of November.

From November onwards, we will be open Fridays and Sundays, 11am–2pm.

Our final Wednesday opening will be Wednesday 28th October, after which Wednesday openings will pause for the winter.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the garden over the coming months, whatever the weather!



Looking Back at a Busy Summer

It has been another busy summer at Okehampton Community Garden, with plenty happening despite the challenges brought by hot and dry weather.



The Solar Eclipse

We were delighted to gather at the garden to experience the solar eclipse together. There was plenty of excitement to watch this special event. A surprisingly large number of Jaffa Cakes were consumed while we waited and watched. We're not sure whether they were essential eclipse equipment along with pin hole cameras and eclipse glasses, but they certainly an enjoyable addition!

It was lovely to share the experience together and have an opportunity to pause from gardening for a while and enjoy something a little different.



Harvest Celebration & Apple Pressing

Our Harvest Celebration was another wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the garden and everything it has produced over the year.

One of the highlights was the apple pressing. There was plenty of enthusiasm for turning our apples into fresh juice, and it was great to see everyone getting involved. Apple pressing is always a satisfying reminder of just how much can be achieved when a community comes together, from tree to cup!

The celebration also gave us a chance to appreciate the hard work of our volunteers and enjoy the garden at this particularly rewarding time of year.





Scarecrow Competition

Okehampton Community Garden was announced as the winner of the Scarecrow Competition with King Charles and The Royal Flush.

He certainly caught the eye, and we were thrilled that all the creativity and effort that went into making the scarecrows was recognised.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the design, construction and dressing, it was very much a team effort.

We hope Charles now enjoys his new residence at St. James Primary Opal Garden and Camilla her change in position to watch over the raised beds at the garden.



A Challenging Summer in the Garden

This summer has not been without its challenges. The prolonged hot and dry weather meant that keeping plants watered became a real task, and some crops inevitably struggled in the heat. For a community garden, periods like this remind us how dependent gardening is on the weather and how quickly conditions can change year on year.

Despite the difficulties, there have been plenty of successes, and the garden has continued to provide a place for growing, learning, sharing and spending time together. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with watering, tending the plants and keeping things going through the hottest months we have seen for a while.





Until November we are open on...

Wednesday 11am - 2pm

Friday 11am - 2pm

Sunday 11am - 2pm



Grow With Us: Volunteer at Okehampton Community Garden

Looking for a way to connect with nature, meet new friends, and make a real difference in your community?

Our community garden is more than just a patch of green—it's a place where every hand helps, and every effort blooms into something beautiful.

We're not just looking for gardeners! If you have a passion for crafting, building, or fundraising, we need your talents too.

Whether you're great at organising events, making things for the garden, or helping us raise vital funds, your skills will help our garden thrive.

No experience? No problem!

Whether you're getting your hands dirty in the soil or helping behind the scenes, every contribution counts.

You'll leave with new skills, fresh air, and the joy of making a real difference in your community.

Come grow with us—because together, we can make something amazing.

Until November volunteer days Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11am - 2pm



Contact us:

We would love to hear if you have any ideas/suggestions that you would like to see at the Community Garden.

Contact us at:

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During our opening times feel free to come along to the community garden and experience the beauty of nature and chat to our volunteers.