



Friends of  
**Queens Road  
Allotments**

Community  
Interest  
Company

## REPORT FOR THE AGM

March 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

Company no 10192702

### AN ALLOTMENT SNAPSHOT - EVENTS THROUGH THE YEAR

#### The raised beds went from this...



to this - there's no doubt that the starter beds are a great success!



None of this would have been possible without the dogged persistence of the many volunteers who have again given up so many Saturday mornings over the year, turning out in all weathers to help maintain and develop the Community plot. They have provided practical support and encouragement to so many. Ever resourceful, equipment has been donated, seeds and plants have been swapped, sheds have been waterproofed and equipped and fruit trees have been obtained at a generous discount and planted. An amazing commitment from a core of volunteers, and very enjoyable mornings. **Thank you ALL.**

Four of the beds were in very productive use through the year and gave a great deal of pleasure to their 'plotters'. Our aim was to give local people from the waiting list a chance to try out allotment gardening. We are very happy to

report that three of the four people got on so well that they have recently moved on to larger plots. One family loved it but decided it was not for them at this stage in their busy lives. Over the next few weeks 5 new families will take on beds which are cleared & ready to go now. We still have a waiting list, but people are not having to wait so long.

**Community Pavilion Opening Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May** This was an enjoyable event which gave public recognition to all the hard work and generosity of spirit & time, as well as money, donated by individuals. We were also able to express our thanks for the financial support from Ward Community Funds and Leicester City's 'Get growing scheme' which helped us to make our idea of a 'community' allotment a reality. Many thanks to Councillors Patrick Kitterick, Dr Lynn Moore & Deborah Sangster and Sue Holden of Leicester's 'Get growing scheme' for joining us, and to Patrick and Lynn for cutting the garden twine to declare us officially open!

#### **Robert Carter's Organic Gardening sessions**

We would like to thank Rob for giving up his time on Sundays to prepare and deliver a number of informative but relaxed sessions for anyone on the allotments. He covered a number of very helpful topics including: Soil and rotation; resources; pests and diseases; weeds and weed control. The sessions were popular with both experienced and new gardeners.

#### **Seed scheme**

Another new venture this year. Thank you to Krystyna Findley and Jane Clarke from the committee who offered to facilitate buying good value, quality seeds from Kings. The take-up was very positive for a new scheme and raised some funds via donations for the Friends

#### **Other Events - Open Day in June, BBQ in July**

Another very well attended open day & the sun shone on visitors and allotmenters. Unfortunately the Friends BBQ had to be cancelled because of rain this year.

#### [Please check the website](#)

*And thank you to Celia for taking on the task of updating it*

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**BIOBLITZ on our allotment coming up in May - get the details from Events on our website - SUNDAY May 27<sup>th</sup>. Do please join in**