

During gardening sessions in May and June, enthusiastic gardeners sowed vegetable seeds into the raised beds, thinned out the seedlings and transplanted young plants. Sturdy bamboo canes were formed into a support structure for the runner beans and, to help encourage more insects that help with pollination of fruit and vegetables, a bug hotel (bottom right) was built using recycled materials.



In May we had a very successful and fun open day at the community garden when over 50 visitors came to the garden. The vegetable plant sale raised welcome funds for the garden. We received some lovely comments from visitors such as 'smashing', 'it is really inspiring', 'great use of space' and 'great fun!'.

Despite the recent rain the crops in the garden are growing well and vegetables already harvested this summer include tasty broad beans, rainbow chard, peas and onions. All the crops harvested are shared by the gardeners to take home to eat.

Dates for the next gardening sessions

Please come along to the next **community gardening sessions** that will take place at **10:30am to noon** on:

Sunday 22nd July, Sunday 12th August and Sunday 2nd September

**Capital Growth Edible Open Gardens Day
(and gardening session)** on Saturday 15th September at 12 noon-4pm

Please come along, everyone is welcome to help in the garden or visit.

The garden is at the rear of 94 Burnt Ash Road SE12 8PY
& the garden gate is on Micheldever Road.

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