

Allotments Newsletter – Spring 2009

For everyone interested in allotments in Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge



Many thanks to everyone who came along to the public meeting on February 25 at the Marchesi Centre – the event was very well attended and positive, with tons of good ideas, and lots of people signing up to be part of this project.

What are we trying to do?

We want to find growing space for all those who need it in Windermere Parish.

How do I get involved?

If you are serious about allotment-holding, get in touch with Paul Holdsworth (015394 40021) or Debbie Binch (015394 88261) and they'll add you to the group. You'll then be kept informed of developments.

How far have you got?

It is early days, but we are already talking to the National Trust and South Lakeland District Council, to see if they can help us find any suitable land for allotments. We have set up a steering group, and registered with a soon-to-be-launched national allotments campaign called Landshare, spearheaded by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall.

How soon can I start growing?

Straight away! We'll be issuing tips on growing without a garden or an allotment in these newsletters. But for allotments you will have to be patient – Rome wasn't built in a day!

Growing Shoots: Spuds in buckets (or black bags)

Here's our first growing tip if you can't wait for an allotment. Now is the time to buy some seed potatoes and plant them in old buckets or sturdy black bags - punch a few drainage holes in the base. Start with the container half full of compost (preferably peat-free), and plant one seed potato per bucket, or three in each black bag. Top up the container as the potato plant grows, to increase your crop, and keep them well-watered(!) Once the top growth dies back, turn out the container for lots of delicious home-grown spuds!

How can I help?

Get in touch with us, so we can add you to our growing list (Paul Holdsworth on 015394 40021 or Debbie Binch on 015394 88261). Come along to future meetings and events, as they are announced. And get growing!

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