

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



Our list of would-be growers is, well, – growing! We now have over 60 people looking for growing space – if you know of anyone else, point them in our direction!

Meetings, meetings

We have now met the District Council and the National Trust, and both are being very supportive. The National Trust has asked us to make proposals for allotment site management, while SLDC is asking us to identify possible sites. We are on the case, but it's really important for you to recognise that we are still a very long way from getting any sites sorted out.

Hugh Fearnley-Thingummybob

There's a new website called 'Landshare', launched by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. The idea is to register your interest in growing on the site, so that landowners and potential growers can be matched up. It is really important for you to register so that everyone can see there is lots of demand for allotments on our patch. Go to www.landshare.net and get stuck in.

Community gardening – what's that about?

Some plots of land could be grown on, but not as separate allotments. These sites might work as community gardens, where a group of people grow collectively, sharing the workload and the produce. If you would be interested in this type of gardening, let us know so we can see if this option is worth pursuing.

Growing Shoots: Neighbours' gardens!

Do you have a neighbour with gardening woes? Have you ever looked over the fence and thought "I could grow veggies there"? Why not simply ask if you can? – they can only say 'no'. We know there are garden-lovers out there who struggle to manage – perhaps you can come to an arrangement that gives you growing space and gives them a tidier garden, and maybe even a few veggies! If you both want to have a proper agreement, get in touch with us and we'll sort something out.

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). Tell us about your growing successes, however small - take pictures so others can share the fun. And get growing!