

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



## Hannah's Wilja wonder!

One of our younger members is looking forward to enjoying her own roast potatoes this year. Nine year old Hannah from Windermere read our first 'Growing Shoots' tip and planted a Wilja seed potato in a bag of compost (that's Hannah's potato plant at the top of the page), and is watering it every day. Hannah said: "I love roast potatoes and I can't wait to eat them!" Her dad is hoping for an allotment so the whole family can enjoy home-grown roast potatoes next year.

Local residents Ann and Andy have converted their front garden into a veg plot growing carrots, peas, beans, swiss chard, pak choi, kale, spinach and salad – hopefully we'll have a photo of their efforts in the next newsletter. Please let us know about your growing successes too!

## Allotments assessment

The Allotments steering group has now assessed dozens of potential allotment sites across the parish and has written to a number of landowners to see if any of these might be progressed. The National Park is producing a study of Bowness Bay and The Glebe, so we have asked them to consider including an allotment site at Rectory Farm in their Masterplan.

One or two other options have been identified, so we continue to be hopeful that at least one new growing space for locals can be created – fingers crossed!

## Growing Trips

Interested in a trip with other would-be allotmenters? We are hoping to arrange special group trips to Rydal Hall Gardens, including the vegetable plots, and to the Growing Well project just outside Kendal. These trips will be informal and give you the chance to see how others grow, and perhaps make friends with other locals on our waiting list. If you are interested, please contact Paul or Debbie (details at the bottom of the page).

## How can I help?

Get in touch with us, so we can add you to our growing list (Paul Holdsworth on 015394 40021 [paul@sldt.co.uk](mailto:paul@sldt.co.uk) or Debbie Binch on 015394 88261 [debbie.binch@cumbriacc.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.binch@cumbriacc.gov.uk)). Tell us about your growing successes, however small - take pictures so others can share the fun. And get growing!