



Community Growing Project Newsletter June 2014

Project Update

June has been a very productive month for the Community Growing Project. The Shawbost site now has a toilet and shed, and fencing has been installed around the perimeter to help shelter the growing units. Most of the landscaping has been completed, too, with only a few finishing touches needed. We are also looking forward to the construction of outdoor raised beds, which, along with the shelving that has been installed in the polycrubs, will maximise growing space and therefore productivity. Make sure that you come and visit us to see how the site is coming along!

Open Day

A **VERY, VERY BIG THANK YOU** to everybody who helped to make our June 24th Open Day such a success! The day was very well-attended, with the local community out in force alongside visitors from as far afield as Harris, Nairn, and even London. After an opening speech from David Wright, Kathleen MacLeod officially opened the polycrubs by cutting David Murdo's rather fabulous vegetable garland. Joe MacPhee from the Comhairle then said a few words before everybody was free to explore the site at their own pace and to enjoy the lovely refreshments that were laid on by Etta Morrison and her team. As you can see from the photographs the weather was beautiful and we had a fantastic day (thank you to Amanda Murray for the second and third images).

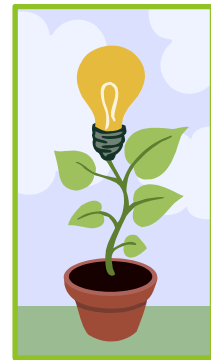


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Skill-Sharing Session

We will be holding a skill-sharing session at the Shawbost site at 7pm on Thursday 24th July. Volunteers, and any other interested parties, are encouraged to come along and share their gardening skills and experience - and maybe even to learn something new! We will also be using this event to gather hints and tips for future newsletters, so if you have any top gardening tips that you would like to share with us but are unable to come along to the skill-sharing session, feel free to send them to us and we will make sure they are included.



Veg Box Delivery Scheme



We are very excited to announce that we will soon be ready to start our fruit/veg box delivery scheme! Our first sale will be of £10 summer taster boxes, with medium and large boxes becoming available later in the season as more produce is ready to be harvested. Boxes will be available on a first-come first-served basis, so make sure that you register your interest before Friday 25th July either by phone/email or by completing and returning the slip at the end of this newsletter. We will then be in touch with more details.

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