

2023 BBQ and End of the Summer

The good news is – we had sunshine for the BBQ! It turned out to be quite warm and packed with people!

The Mtungwazi family were able to come and reminisce about their parents' 30+ years on the site. Eric thanked the Halls Farm Community for the bench and the kindness shown – the allotment had meant so much to Alick and Maud. If you haven't seen the bench with Maud's favourite phrase inscribed on it do go to the kitchen garden and have a look.



Thanks to Rob who was BBQ chef and to everyone who brought along the lovely food. We had a brass band musical going on for the morning and by 1 pm everyone was hungry! But we had complaints – no tomato sauce for the burgers! Oops – we've made a note and will buy it next for next time!



Congratulations to the winners of the Glover cup for most improved plots – this year the Committee decided to give 4 cups – to Tarek & Lila on plot 2b, Laura and

on 1a. If you get a chance do wander up to the Nursery end you'll see how much has changed since it was a sea of nettles and weeds 2 years ago.



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other winners were Brian and Anita on plot 20A – now a sea of beautiful brassicas after a very difficult start digging up 50 broken bottles all over the plot and Brian still had a cut from digging this week!

Everyone was sent off with voting slips before lunch and were busy in debating their favourite plots and the result was the Community award was awarded to Kevin on plot 45.

Sunday was a lovely day. Huge thanks to all – including Dylan, Rachel's husband, who found himself making 15 plot signs and he's only been a plot holder for a week! The pond area was strimmed, the main path mown, the bonfire in full blaze and Tyler singlehandedly repaired the wonky fence on the green chain walk – would be burglars will have trouble climbing over that one!

Esther and Sarah Jane took on the pruning of the Milk St road hedge and starting to clear all the rubbish behind plot 5 – there is still so much of it! Rob and Emily were sorting out the top of the hill and big thanks to Rob who has quietly been planting up a wildflower meadow up near plot 60 as he suggested at the AGM. James has nearly finished the new noticeboard for the hill car park which hopefully will be up by next Sunday 1st October.

The next and penultimate Committee meeting of the year is on Wednesday 4th October. This will be after the plot inspection on Sunday 1st so please try to mow your paths and tidy up your plots. We are busy sorting things out for the end of the season and will be issuing the membership cards for 2024 for people who want to renew next year.

