

Alder Road Community Garden Newsletter

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

December was another wet and mild month, and by the end of the year daffodil bulbs were emerging – a welcome sign of spring!



We finished tidying up the autumn leaves in early December and kept the protective mesh over the onions, garlic and broad beans secure, so the emerging plants were kept safe from small animals and birds.

We now have two council garden waste bins for all the heavy garden debris that we cannot compost ourselves. They are collected fortnightly. This is just as well as we produced a huge amount of root from the banana, branches from the fig tree and innumerable canes from the bamboo - it will take us well into the New Year to get rid of it all!

The MCA Community Garden has signed up with the Hertford Road Allotments. This means we have a discount on anything we buy from their shop – seeds, compost, plant food etc. So, in the early spring we must make a note of all our needs and have a visit to Hertford Avenue!

The gardening group will not meet officially until February, but the garden is always open, so when you are passing, please do drop in to see how things are. The three compost bins can receive kitchen waste once more and it will be a bit of a nerve-wracking moment when we look to see if we have made any compost over the past year! We will check the bins in the spring and hope there will be some good stuff to put on the greedy vegetable plants in the raised beds!

Here's to a really successful 2019! Happy gardening!

Our next gardening session at the Community Garden will be:
Wednesday 6th February 2019 from 10.30 until 12 noon.



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