

Congratulations to South Dublin Allotment Association and all holders following the successful 3rd. Annual Open Day held at the Friarstown Allotment Facility. There was a great turn out!



We also celebrated the launch of the Conscious Cup Campaign where Cllr. Charlie O'Connor and others committed to supporting the use of recyclable cups.



Lots of prizes awarded, looking forward to more submissions next year hopefully.

Photos Open Day, July 28th. 2018, Friarstown Allotment Facility



Bernard



Johnny



Kristine accepting her prize from Cllr. O'Connor with Michael Hannon

Weather - What a Year!

We have had it all in 2018, a deluge of snow that gripped the whole country shutting us down for best part of a week.

Freezing temperatures were not a concern for some polytunnel crops....overall there was little or no impact there.

Spot flooding then followed then a full on spring and summer with record highs to scorch the earth leaving us with a two month hose pipe ban. (*The hose pipe ban continues throughout September*).

Harvest

Crops have grown in some cases ahead of schedule. Fruit & vegetables are already or soon to be harvested. Myself, I have a garden full of delicious red/green, big fat apples. Have you harvested yet? Carrots, courgettes and a lot of onions put in an appearance this year, beetroot and brassics too.



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Microbial Farm in your composter!
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Going to Ground

Lots of jobs these days, harvesting almost done, soil to prepare, stakes to support crops during winter weather, cloches too, resilient vegetables to be planted along with spring time bulbs.

Lots of organic debris to collect and as soon as that is done, fallen leaves and other plant life debris take over. Constant cleanup seems to be the order of the day.

Planning your season ahead is just what is needed to make sure your Christmas and spring time is filled with potatoes and onions and possibly some flowers too.

Waste & Recycling

Thanks for all your efforts to keep our allotments free from waste, let's keep it up!



Storehouse

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All your hard work has been harvested! There are many ways to make use of your produce such as, pickling, jams, freezing, drying or simply store them up.



A lot of onions made the grade this year it seems and with so many varieties you may be spoilt for choice as to what to do!

Caramelised Onions are delicious with some tasty, savoury sausages and creamy mash.



Just cook off in a little butter and olive oil, add some maple syrup and turn to a low heat....mmmmm, delicious! Enjoy!

Just a Joke

- Lots of jokes about sheep.
- I'd tell them to my dog but he'd herd them all.

We'll be back in November, '18, send us your news!
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