**Welcome, already half the year under our belts already & gearing up for our 2nd. Annual Open Day on Saturday, 15th. July in Friarstown from 12 noon to 4:00pm.**



**Short on Space?** - When planning your next crops, why not consider growing some crops vertically, trailing on fence wire or in supported planters.

Cucumber is one such vegetable which grows well this way when you are tight on space. As ever, they need to be well watered and regularly too.



# **Tymon Allotments**

Rose Cottage, Alzheimer Support Group are making the most of their Tymon allotment. It is of great benefit to the local group headed by Mary Hickey who says “…everything going great at the allotment. Clients are really loving the facility”. This is great to hear, allotments, good in so many ways!

**Companion Planting**

Friarstown experienced growers tell us the benefits of “companion planting” are real & best tried for yourself.

It is the practice of planting together crops which assist by repelling/attracting insects, providing shade/support leading to improved outcomes.

Onion/Carrotts work well together as do Beets with lettuce & brassicas.

Horticulture – All you holders, some experienced some starting out can all appreciate the joy of a well planted allotment plot, the soil turned over, neatly drilled, shoots protruding to the light of day, raised beds filled with delicate herbs, cloche covered corners about to burst forth…..If you are thinking of adding to your knowledge and skills, you might consider the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland where your interest can be met by experts, demonstrations and workshops. They can be contacted on (01)493-7154 or [www.rhis.ie](http://www.rhis.ie)

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

You’ll have noticed the almost full capacity of our allotments over the four sites here in South Dublin, Corkagh, Friarstown, Mill Lane and Tymon.

Visiting the over 400 allotment plots currently in use there is a genuine community spirit, a willingness to help, to get stuck in and share tools, time and knowledge.

Holders are sometime hobbyists, sometime serious, and sometimes zen like in their pursuit of the soul reward extracted from gardening, growing and harvesting.

# Clean up of Containers in Friarstown

Clean up of containers in Friarstown. It is felt that there is a lot of “stuff” in some of the containers that are no longer being used. Could people identify their own tools & mark them so the containers can be tidied up!

# **Laugh a Little**

* **Why aren’t banana’s ever lonely?**…because they come in bunches
* **Why did the potatoes argue?** ...because they couldn't see eye to eye.

We’ll be back in September’17, send us your news! [allotments@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:allotments@sdublincoco.ie)