

WOODLEY ALLOTMENT TENANTS ASSOCIATION

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Launchpad Allotments Project – Update April 2020



Launchpad

Last year with the help of the corporate volunteers and tenant supervisors, we made amazing progress and not only cleared the three dedicated plots L25, L26 and L27, but also set up the poly tunnel and grew enough crops to make over a dozen deliveries to Readifood and the soup kitchens.

Due to the current situation we have not had any volunteer sessions this year and it may be several months before we can expect any more outside helpers on the site.

We don't want to lose the progress we have made and feel that it is vitally important that we continue to keep the plots productive to continue to support vulnerable people in the community through the provision of free and good quality fresh vegetables and fruit via the food banks and soup kitchens.

In order to do this we have reduced our planting plans for the first part of the year to keep things manageable and we are now looking for help from tenants so we can continue to manage the plots until we get more help.

How you can help

First priority: We need volunteers to dig in the manure on plot L25 so it will be ready for planting. If you can only offer an hour it will help!

- We will need volunteers to sow seeds or plant out seedlings.
- We will need volunteers to weed and water the plots once the crops start growing.

Due to the current restrictions we need to ensure the tasks are completed without putting anyone at risk. This means that you will need to provide your own tools and maintain the 2 metre minimum social distancing rule while working on the plots. Given the size of the plots we could have several volunteers at a time or a rota of people for set periods. Full instructions will be given.

If the restrictions continue into the summer we will need volunteers to harvest the crops and deliver to the food bank.

If you are able to help us with any of the above tasks please contact us through the usual email:

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Many thanks
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