

Sociable Good Things



## Contacts

Chairperson: Nina Kennedy  
tel: 07988 748506  
email: ninakennedy2006@hotmail.co.uk  
Company Secretary: Ruth Wills  
tel: 024 7633 4773  
email: ruthwills@btinternet.com

Charity number: 1178863



December 2022

# Impressed with the WG

Such was the success of our summer picnics in the garden it attracted the interest of Garden Organic, the national organisation we have been members of for many years. Freelance external consultant for GO Amber Merrick-Porter, visited the garden in October and met up with Nina and Helen. Afterwards Nina reported: "She was very impressed with the garden and the fact that visitors can 'buy' surplus crops for a donation, which is ploughed back into the garden.

"It was feedback from her colleagues who came to our event in May whereby visitors brought their picnics and took part in garden trails and traditional lawn games, which prompted her to contact us. She was interested in our planned theme for the garden next year, which is to get the message across that 'gardening is for everyone - however little space they have'. Amber is a specialist in the heritage, cultural, environmental and charity sectors, guides organisations through change, and is adept at developing strategies and securing funding.



## The orchard quarter

Two years on since the orchard was planted this quarter has become a popular point of interest in the garden. Tim, who heads up the orchard reports: "Rob and I have been working around last year's wildflower centres with a rather evil but effective earth scratcher. Our intention is to enlarge them and plant with yellow rattle seeds in sand to weaken the grass (pictured below). We will then add wildflower mix with great mullein, honesty and teasel to produce more varied plant cover.

"Along the green pathways selfheal, birdsfoot trefoil, red and white clover are being added.

### Brimstone & Buckthorn

"Most of the fruiting trees are doing well", said Tim. "But we are intending to order and plant a replacement greengage plum tree".

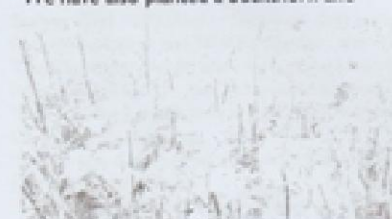
"We have also planted a buckthorn and



alder buckthorn (pictured below), small spiny trees native to England and Wales. "The berries have a laxative effect on humans but not the reason for planting this attractive shrub.

"It's tasty food for the Brimstone butterfly (pictured above) with its distinctive, leaf-shaped wings."

Adults hibernate through cold weather, but may be seen flying on warm days throughout the year, spring. Usually seen in ones or twos."



It's been a good year in the garden, although the long dry hot spell did give us some problems. However, we did produce a steady supply of broad, runner & French beans, peas, carrots, courgettes, onions, potatoes, pumpkins, cabbages, kale, broccoli and some lovely fruit from the orchard. Surplus produce has been available to our many visitors who have donated generously. Donations are ploughed back into the garden to cover running costs and to purchase seeds & plants for the next year.

We have a great team of volunteers, but unfortunately many of us are getting older, less fit and struggle with some of the heavier work. This really hit home this year when we prepared to trim back the extensive box hedging around the herb parterre and the Masters Border. In previous years Carl, Colin and Keith have spent many hours carrying out this work. So we were so pleased to have Craig step in to attend to this onerous job.

We have a great theme planned for the garden next year with lots of events and activities for you to enjoy. Our scarecrows, much loved by our younger visitors will be leaving us shortly to have a winter break in sunnier climes, but there is a rumour going round that more will be visiting next year. The garden will still be open during the winter for you to enjoy a tranquil walk, and there will usually be a few volunteers working on a Saturday morning who will be happy to stop and have a chat.

Nina,  
Chairperson

Website: [allesleyparkwalledgarden.org](http://allesleyparkwalledgarden.org)  
and Facebook: Allesley Park Walled Garden Group

## Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

|                                       | <i>Notes</i> | <i>2022</i>  | <i>2021</i>  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       |              | <i>£</i>     | <i>£</i>     |
| Current Assets                        |              | 3,170        | 4,009        |
| Net current assets (liabilities)      |              | <u>3,170</u> | <u>4,009</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities |              | <u>3,170</u> | <u>4,009</u> |
| Total net assets (liabilities)        |              | <u>3,170</u> | <u>4,009</u> |
| Reserves                              |              | <u>3,170</u> | <u>4,009</u> |

- For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 15 August 2022

And signed on their behalf by:  
**Ruth Margaret Wills, Director**