



Newsletter

**THE FEDAGA SHOP WILL
BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

FROM 2 TO 3.30PM

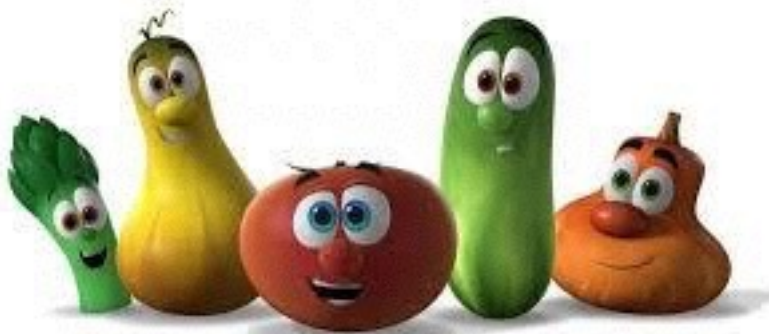
**ON SUNDAYS, 21ST AND
28TH FEBRUARY AND
6TH MARCH.**

**FOR SALE: SEED POTATOES, ONION AND
SHALLOT SETS AND HESSIAN SACKS.**

**WEST GATE, INVERLEITH
ALLOTMENTS, EAST FETTES
AVENUE.**

**DON'T DELAY. BE EARLY FOR THE BEST
CHOICE. WHEN IT'S GONE, IT'S GONE.**

February 2016: The Show is ON!



There **WILL** be an Edinburgh Allotment Show this year. Put **Saturday 3rd September** in your diary.

The Show will be at the **Methodist Church Hall** in Nicolson Square. Further details will be announced in the near future. In the meantime you could click [here](#) to see show classes, advice and regulations. Plenty of time to consider what to grow and how to go about it. Good luck!

Edinburgh's Lost Walled Garden



Did you know an ancient walled garden has been discovered in Granton? Slumbering secretly amongst the weeds and vines for decades, but now experiencing a rude 21st century awakening. Developers submitted plans to bulldoze the garden to make way for housing. The recession saved it as the Waterfront project stalled. Then a campaign to save the garden and develop it as a resource for the community got going. Read more [here](#).

Events are now moving quickly. The developer has withdrawn their plans, but this may be because they wish to submit new ones.

Meanwhile the Reporter to the Local Development Plan is considering designating the garden as a Special Landscape Area in addition to Open Space. And Historic Environment Scotland has recently listed the site as Category B.

If you'd like to contact the Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden, click [here](#).

For a short video of an ariel view of the site click [here](#).

Chuck and Swap: Minimise waste, recycle more



As the Council will soon be ceasing Trade Waste Uplifts for allotments we must focus on how to best keep our plots clear of debris.

FEDAGA believes that allotment holders should be trying to minimise the creation of rubbish for landfill and embrace the ethos of recycling.

We applaud the "Chuck and Swap" initiative at **West Mains**, arranged for that site between Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th March. They're encouraging plotholders to swap any items from their plot which could go to a better home:

"Do you have cloches, fleece or other protective materials which turned out not to fit into your cultivation regime? Or tools that have proved less useful than you hoped and which now stay in the shed? Or old but serviceable equipment which you've since upgraded? Please start thinking now about what you could contribute.

"From Saturday 12th March you'll be able to leave spare plant materials such as rooted cuttings, seedlings, and herbaceous offsets in a designated area by the cabin, and to take from there any plants you'd like to grow on. So do start thinking about plants you'd like to share, and get propagating."

A few other sites such as Ferry Road and Midmar have recycling areas. This might be a good idea for other sites to adopt.



A couple of gentle reminders:

Don't put non-compostable materials into communal composting bays. Don't bring materials intended for construction onto sites and then not use them. Remember, after you're gone someone else will have to deal with it.

FEDAGA has proposed that a £100 deposit should be paid by new ploholders which is redeemed when they vacate a clean plot. This is similar to the deposit paid when renting a flat. Of course, this would require the Council to actually rent out plots that were fit for use in the first place - not covered in pernicious weeds and containing scrap metal, broken glass, etc.

If the plot is vacated in an unfit condition the deposit will be used to pay for a clean-up. Let's see if this suggestion is taken up.

Kings Seeds

FEDAGA remains the **ONLY** allotment organisation in the UK with exclusive access to Kings Seeds' unbeatable discounts*. You save 45% of the retail price and a further 10% goes to your Allotment Association's site funds.

If you've not registered have a look [here](#) for details on how to take advantage of this generous Trading Scheme.

(Note - This offer is only available to FEDAGA members. You must hold a lease of a Council allotment or of an affiliated independent site.)

* Amendment - It was intended to state this is the only **online** service available to allotment organisations. Other allotment organisations do have trading schemes but all are paper-based (as was FEDAGA's until 5 years ago) which involves a lot more work for all involved. Apologies for the error.



Bridgend
Growing
Communities

ANNUAL POTATO DAY

Sunday 28 February 2016

11am until 2pm

at Bridgend Community Allotments

41 Old Dalkeith Rd Edinburgh EH16 4TE

(near Cameron Toll shopping centre)

Potatoes supplied by Skye Organics

Refreshments, children's activities, guided tours, mini
workshops and food tasting.

Gorgie
City Farm

SATURDAY SEED SWAP

12TH
MARCH
2016

10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Gardeners, start your
wrapping! Meet your
fellow gardeners and get
advice and gardening tips.

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