

Winning scarecrow

We're pleased to announce that the winning scarecrow at the Open Day was Paul's "Apollo" on plot 7. A King's Seeds gift token for £10 will be winging its way to Paul shortly.

Runners up were Nils' and Jennifer's "Boris" on plot 78, and Tony's "Mr Nosey" on plot 46.

Pictures of these three are attached and you will be able to see photos of them all on the website very shortly. There were some brilliant entries, some quite ingenious, such as "Scary Crow" and "The Invisible Scarecrow". Thanks to everyone who took part. Visitors seemed to really enjoy them, and we've had lots of favourable comments from plotheholders.

Open Day thank you

A huge thank you to the many people who played a part – the bakers, jam-makers, leaflet posters, produce donors, scarecrow makers - and most of all those who volunteered and turned out to man stalls and gates and to set up and clear away on the day.

The thunder rolled but thankfully the rain held off until just after the event ended. And it's been worth it – we made a profit of £308.81. That's a bit down on the last couple of years, but not bad considering the weather forecast. Most pleasingly, we had lots of people coming from the local neighbourhood as a result of leafleting. There are a few potatoes and other non-perishables left over in the Cabin. Please take if you want them and consider leaving a donation in the jar provided.

Next event – the AGM and autumn social

Our next event will be our Annual General Meeting on Saturday 12th October. (Yes, we're trying a Saturday this time as some have said Sundays can be difficult for them.) Do get the date and time (2.30pm) into diaries. We've not really planned the event yet other than that we're hoping for a good discussion about what you want from the association, based on results from the survey we'll be sending out very soon. If you have ideas for activities or a theme for the social part of the event, please talk to any [committee member](#) or hit reply to this email.

Edinburgh Allotment Show Saturday 14th September

Posters are now up on noticeboards about The Edinburgh Allotment Show at the Central Methodist Hall in Nicholson Square on 14th September. Organised by FEDAGA the show is celebration of allotmenting in Edinburgh, and we would encourage you to think about submitting produce from your plot, as well as going along to support and enjoy the event. The classes and regulations for submitting entries can be found in booklets in the Cabin, or on [FEDAGA's website](#).

Sadly more thieving

Most of us are grumbling about the theft of crops by slugs this year, but sadly we've had another report of produce taken by humans, this time including some harvested produce from someone's polytunnel. It's not clear whether this is from inside or outside the plot, but please be on your guard, question if you see strangers about, keep gates locked at all times and report anything suspicious to the [committee](#) so we can monitor the situation.



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Apollo - the winning scarecrow

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Boris - came second

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Mr Nosey - came third

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