



Southsea Green Grapevine June 2019

I heard it through the grapevine...

It's the place for everyone with an interest in our gardening and crafting community to catch-up with all the news, events and happenings.

D-Day commemorations Sunday 23rd June in Canoe Lake Park

The dig-for-victory bed is planted and flourishing nicely, thanks to our gardeners and volunteers and lots of lovely water. This event will celebrate the amazing wartime zeitgeist and the make-do and mend culture that we so need to recapture and return to. So dress up, come down and enjoy music from the talented Becki Short and from a swing band who will be performing at this event.



Our own Vik and Sarah from Marigold Loft are launching mini makes at Southsea Green.

Every Friday during term time we'll be opening up the gates to run free craft sessions for little hands. Marigold Loft will be rummaging through reusable materials and coming up with all sorts of ideas to make fun and creative activities using items which usually get thrown away in the bin. With the garden at the heart of what we do there will even be opportunities at times to plant your own seeds and nurture them in addition to the arts and crafts.

'Mini Maker: Remake' sessions will take place at the craft shack cabin from 11am - 1pm. All ages and abilities are welcome. There will be a weekly theme each week which you will find more details of on our Facebook page.

If crafting isn't your thing then feel free to come into the garden to enjoy the vibrant insect life and the wonderful produce and flowers growing inside. For any volunteers or friends of the garden there are always little tasks you can do to help make our garden grow, from weeding to fixing a fence. Join us on Fridays and ask at the cabin for further details.

Marigold Loft is our chance to volunteer our time in order to forge opportunities for people to come together, to connect, to create and to grow in confidence. We believe in the importance of bringing a bit more joy into life. Marigold Loft is our personal project; an exploration into creating something positive within our community. We are truly grateful to Southsea Green for allowing us the chance to work with them on many a project over the past few years and for their support. It has been an honour to see the garden go from strength to strength in following their ethos of keeping it local, opening up their lovely green space for the whole community to enjoy and their green thinking in composting, recycling and sustainability. With thanks, Sarah and Vik (Marigold Loft patch)

Garden to-do list

Our volunteers have asked for a list of jobs to do when in the garden so here's the starter for ten

Water our Dig for Victory Bed in Canoe Lake Park

Cut hedge (sides) and rake up leaves put in bags

Water flowers at front of garden and tidy area

Water veg in poly-tunnel- and in veg beds if time

Dig over the compost bins with a fork - use gloves

Rake out chips along the paths (good for diversity)

Bag up any plastic/other rubbish into black bags

Water fruit trees in Greens garden and beside our gate

Make signs to show whats growing and for named plots

Check all pathways safe and hose is tucked to one side

Thank you to all our garden fairies

Our commitment to biodiversity

[Link to UN report on biodiversity](#)

Given the worrying news on biodiversity and climate change we are committed to promoting biodiversity on site, and ensuring the well being of wildlife is a priority concern in our decision making.

This means no pesticides, fungicides or artificial fertilisers will be used on site, except those accepted by the Soil Association. In addition all food grown will be done so following organic principles.

We will also seek to use the site to educate the community on the biodiversity and climate change crisis and practical solutions to it. Nick

Southsea Green Stakeholder meeting

On the 15th June from 12:00-2:00pm we will be getting together at the pavilion to go through and agree our new constitution and talk about ways we can make the garden as inclusive and available to the community as possible. It would be great to see you there and share ideas. If you are not able to be there but you would like to be involved in the garden in future or have any ideas to share do let us know. I look forward to seeing you soon. Carla

Our next Grapevine will be in September so if there's anything you'd like to be included please contact a member of the Management team

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