

## Shevington Garden Club Members Visit RHS Bridgewater Gardens

Shevington Garden Club is run by a very active group of volunteers. As well as running the Annual Show each year, they organise a programme of talks at meetings held once a month at St Anne's Parish Centre in Church Lane and visits to attractions such as the one to the Bridgewater Gardens on Saturday, 25 June.

The gardens were fantastic and the weather behaved apart from a couple of short showers. It was amazing - so much to see. The Gardens were recommended by all who went on the trip as definitely being worth a visit. It was a really enjoyable day for people of all ages with access for both buggies and wheelchairs.

Food/Refreshments are available. The cafes were very busy, but there are plenty of areas where visitors can sit outside.



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Take it to THE Tip!

## Shevington Garden Club Annual Show

Shevington Show was held on Saturday, 6 August. After not being able to hold a show over the last two years it was a delight to be able to hold the show again. The committee were determined to bring the show back bigger and better than ever and that is what happened.

It was wonderful to welcome so many experienced exhibitors back and to also greet so many new ones who just wanted to have a go. Not only did they have a go this year, but they have promised to be back again next year.

There were a couple of new trophies this year: THE EVANS TROPHY, kindly donated by Christine Evans from Golden Days, and THE MANOR HOUSE CARPET SHIELD, donated by Manor House Carpets for the best exhibit in arts and crafts.

The committee would like to say a big thankyou to everyone involved in the show in any way for making it such a big success.



Shevington Parish Council has small grants available for local community groups. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for an application form or download one from our website.

Appley Bridge Men's Association has been around for a long time, having been formed way back in 1953 when five local men decided to meet once a month during the cold dark winter months for a drink, a chat and to arrange a speaker to talk on a subject of interest. The meetings were open to all men from around the area and the concept has continued to this day with many years of a wide and diverse range of topics being discussed. Currently the meetings occur in Gathurst Golf Club on the 2nd Monday of the month from October through to March, ending the season with a visit to a place of interest usually in April.



The meetings start at 8.00 pm and last about one and a half to two hours with refreshments available from the Golf Club bar. Subjects range from History to Technology with Sport, Nature, Travel and local interests all in the mix. We are currently finalising next season's programme which will be available for distribution in the Autumn.

The present Chairman, David Butler, and our membership offer a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us for an entertaining series of relaxed and informative evenings. We can be contacted via one of the numbers below: David Butler (01257 253327), John Henry (01257 425557) and Steve Hooley (01257 400075) Or turn up on the night (2nd Monday of the month from October to March) at Gathurst Golf Club. The current subscription for the 2022/23 season is £10.

## Vicarage Lane Allotment Society Open Day

Saturday 27th August - Vicarage Lane Allotments - we happily opened our allotment gates to the public for an Open Day. The sun was shining, bees were buzzing, butterflies were fluttering and there was the lovely sound of chatter and laughter across the whole allotment site for the duration of our event.

The aim of the Open Day was to come together as an allotment society and showcase the hard work that our gardening tenants undertake on their allotment plots and raised beds, to talk about what we grow, why we grow and how we grow and, I have to say, the passion for growing really shone through with an abundance.

For our allotment society this last year has really been about community. As a fairly new society we are so proud of our achievements, in particular the communal growing area. This is a space that we have developed over the last 6 months. We have taken an idea and made it a reality. This is a space where all tenants can enjoy getting together.

The wildflower meadow is bursting with an array of flowers. The wildlife are clearly enjoying it and it was a joy to walk around it today spotting all the different flowers and seeing the lady birds, bees and butterflies enjoying themselves. The fruit tree orchard is beginning to burst with fruits. The herb garden is a lovely addition and the area intended for just being together was used so well and enjoyed by all today.

## Best Kept Allotment at Forest Fold

The First Prize for the 'Best Kept Allotment' at Forest Fold in 2022 was awarded to Mike Dickinson - the tenant of Plot 14. Other prizes awarded were as follows:

Second place = Plot No.7

Third place = Plot No.8

Most improved plot = Plot No.22D

Best raised bed = RB6

Congratulations to all the winners!



A special thanks has to be given to all the tenants who attended the event and welcomed the public onto their plots. This was a real highlight. There was such a buzz of excitement as I walked up and down the main road running through the allotments. I saw so many people chatting to tenants, who were

showing people why they were growing. The Open Day enabled so many conversations about

gardening. Ideas and knowledge were shared, and it really was the part I loved the most. And a big thanks to those tenants who helped out in different areas at the event on the day.

Congratulations to Dave, Alison and Hayley from Plot 44 who won the independently judged Best Plot of the year - so well deserved. Second prize for best plot went to Lisa Thompson from plot 32 and third place went to Janice Kendrick of plot 49. What a fantastic day! I feel very proud to be part of such a great community and I look forward to our next Open Day in 2023.