

Wildlife on allotments in Sheffield

We're delighted to be able to send you this leaflet on how to appreciate and encourage wildlife on our allotments in Sheffield while growing good healthy fruit and vegetables.

The leaflet is part of a year-long project which is being funded by lottery players through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Identifying and recording insects

The first event in this project was a workshop in May on identifying and recording invertebrates which was fully booked. From this event an enthusiastic group of plot holders are now recording and identifying insects (with the help of Sorby Invertebrate Group) on their allotments.



All allotment holders are very welcome to send their findings of insects on their plots to Derek Whiteley, who is leading this part of the project and is hoping to gain 1,000 records during the year (March 2017-March 2018). So please send in all photos, specimens, etc. however common the insect, butterfly or beetle you find on your plot. For further information of how best to do this contact the email invertebrates@sorby.com.

Future events and activities

There is a whole programme of events. You can see many of these on the reverse of this sheet. Further news and activities will be added on the Federation's website at <https://sa-federation.co.uk>.

To contact us either go through the website or email sheff.allot@gmail.com

Sheffield Allotments Federation

SAF represents all allotment holders in Sheffield. You can be a member of the Federation just by being a plot holder. There is an elected committee which supports other plot holders in matters concerning allotment sites.

Records show that the Federation is now in its 100th year, so it's fitting that our big project has fallen in this centenary year.

Although the Federation is an independent organisation, it works with the Council to discuss issues regarding the allotment budget and its management.



SAF Committee Meetings

These are held monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month. All allotment holders can attend these committee meetings.

We would welcome new committee members to support allotment provision in Sheffield. Contact the above email address.

Contact sheff.allot@gmail.com for further details on the above.

Allotments Advisory Group

The SAF Committee attends 3 meetings a year at the Town Hall, together with Councillors and the Allotments Manager, Ceri Ashton.

One Representative from the allotment society on each Council site can also attend these meetings. The next one will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 26th September 6-8pm.

If you want your site to be represented contact the Allotment Office on 0114 273 4528 or email pwc.allotments@sheffield.gov.uk

EVENTS

The workshops and talks shown below are FREE for Sheffield allotment holders, thanks to funding from the Lottery Heritage Fund

WORKSHOP

How to create a wildlife-friendly garden and grow good crops

Led by Darrell Maryon, Head Gardener at Wortley Walled Garden.
Sunday July 9th 11-1pm

Fully booked, but a further workshop might be possible if there is enough demand. Contact us.

ALLOTMENT VISIT

Visit to Moss Way allotments, including award winning wildlife-friendly plot

Sunday 13th August 2-4pm

Entrance to the site is on Moss Way next to the new sports centre. Look for the signs.

Refreshments for sale

TALK

Soil and how it affects growing crops on your allotment

Dr. Jill Edmondson

Ecologist and soil scientist at Sheffield University

Tuesday 17th October 7pm-8.30pm

Quaker Meeting House, 10 James St. S2 2EW

Jill has done research on allotment soils and has much to say about how it affects the productivity of our crops as well as how it may have implications for farming elsewhere.

Knowing numbers attending would help but you can just turn up. Contact sheff.allot@gmail.com or Phone: 01142364813 (SAF Sec)

STALLS

Sheffield Allotments Federation Committee will be collaborating with the Council Allotments Office to have stalls at local events in Sheffield to promote allotments and fill vacant plots.

<https://sa-federation.co.uk>

WORKSHOP

Identifying and recording autumn and winter invertebrates on allotments



Led by Derek Whiteley and Sorby Invertebrate Group
Tuesday 7th November 10-4pm

J.G. Graves Discovery Centre
Ecclesall Woods S7 2QZ.

FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Contact Marion Gerson 07735441669 or sheff-allot@gmail.com

MEETING

AGM followed by
Showing of our NEW videos on how to encourage wildlife on allotments
and discussion

Tuesday 28th November 7pm-8.30pm

Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James St. S2 2EW
FREE event with raffle and refreshments

Notices for other related activities:

My Harvest. This is a national survey managed by Sheffield University into how much fruit and vegetables are grown by allotment holders and other gardeners. To take part in this year long survey see www.MyHarvest.com

Pollinators on Allotments. This is a pilot study managed by Sheffield and Bristol Universities, to research the activities of pollinators such as bees, butterflies and beetles on allotment crops in Sheffield. Contact mcdobson@Sheffield.ac.uk for project information, instructions, an identification guide and record sheets.

Is your allotment on our contact list? If not, please email sheff.allot@gmail.com