

## Lavenham Riverside Allotments Easter Update

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Dear All

Now that Spring and warmth and daylight have returned we are springing into action.

We are building beds, moving clay and topsoil, horse manure and alpaca poo.



We have lots of cardboard to make deep raised bed that doesn't allow soil overflow the beds.



Here is a valuable video from RHS about useful tricks our grandfathers knew. Enormously recommended. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7JtsD3B0kA>

I have comfrey in my garden at home so I will move some to the Riverside. Gosh who would have thought bluetit fledglings could consume so many caterpillars.

A neighbour gave me a rhubarb crown as a present so I have moved it to my fruit cage

Our robin is called Mozart and he sang his heart out to me for three hours. I will feed him and his family with grain and meal-worms.



Lots more news on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/758929136644611/>

### **Muntjac proofing**

We are very grateful for funding from Babergh Council that allows us to construct a fence that will keep the muntjac away from our greens. What we grow is for us and our friends and not for our furry friends to munch on.

I hear that a fox has been seen on the footpath so bunny might keep away.

### **School Beds**

We have reserved two beds for local school gardening clubs. As sowing season has passed we will sow some wildflower seed and crimson clover so we establish an ecosystem for the kids to observe over the summer (provided they are accompanied by an adult) as they provide fodder for the bees from the apiary and honey and beeswax in the Autumn.

I will grow ten sunflowers in yoghurt pots and plant them in the school beds. The bumblebees love them, they do the thistles.

### **Bees and the Rotovator**

I will pick up a free rotovator that will scarify the ground at the Water Meadow and allow us to sow a wildflower meadow,

The bees from my Lavenham Apiary alongside the roadside hedge will love this. We will sell this honey in the Nettle Shop and use the profits to subsidize the allotments for people

### **Raised Compost Bins**

A raised Compost bin that will accommodate 30 tonnes of compost at no charge to anyone.

Fill it yourself with your leftovers. I will add well-rotted horse-manure

There is another two or three tonnes of horse-manure just waiting to be transported to my horse-manure bed from the stables to rot all summer.



### **Water troughs**

A water trough will be installed to allow watering of beds during the Summer dry season. More detail to follow

### **Inaugural Barbecue**

Details to follow

### **A comfy bench**

A bench has been installed by the riverbank to allow relaxation with a mug of tea to listen to an operatic rendition from Mozart, our robin.

### **More space**

There is space available to double the number of beds we have. Tell your friends who are on waiting lists elsewhere.

£5 per bed per annum. £5 registration fee for new members.

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