



ECEY 6005
REGAINING PARADISE
SUSTAINABILITY IN THE EARLY
YEARS



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David Attenborough

At the age of 99 , Sir David Attenborough is one of the most famous conservationists from making documents about land and sea, and over time has become an outspoken critic of environmental destruction , climate change , deforestation and biodiversity loss. He has helped to inspire a love for nature for people around the world.



"The natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living."



Facts about Sir David Attenborough :

- He has made over 100 documentaries including; Planet earth series and the green planet
- He never married or had children , he devoted his life to our planet earth
- He has won BAFTA and Emmy awards
- In 1985 he was awarded a knighthood from queen Elizabeth II

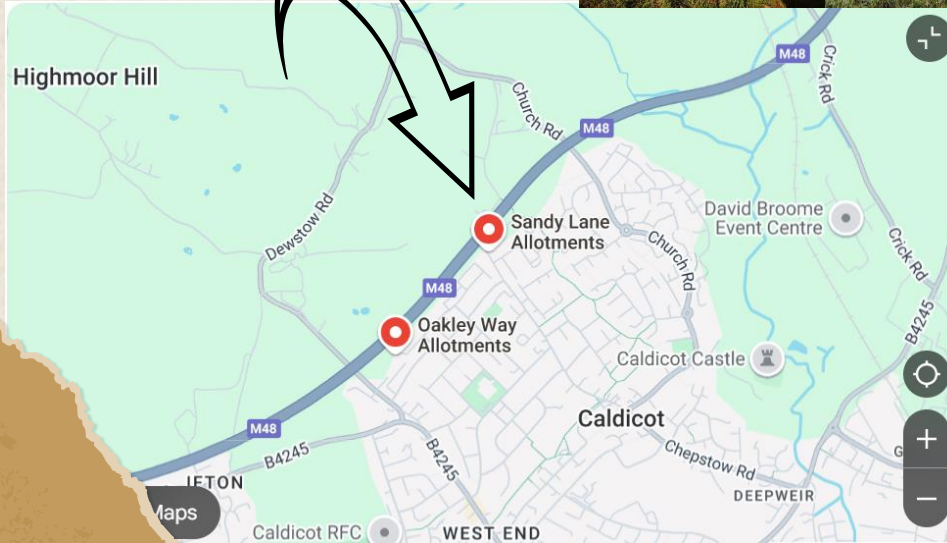


Where?

Our family allotment is at Sandy lane allotments in Caldicot.



Sandy lane Allotments have 31 plots more recently use for the growing of plants and produce. Before this livestock could be kept on these plots of land . The word sandy is relevant because of the soil type.





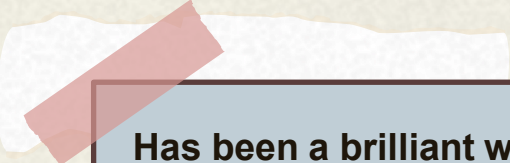
Why?



It has helped us making healthier life choices and reduced stress levels in our busy lives,



Saves the family money on a weekly basics.



Has been a brilliant way keeping older and younger generations of the family active.

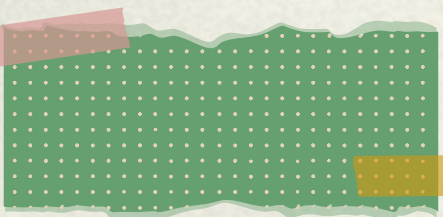


We have met local people in the community and shared ideas, tools and produce.

What Grows? Vegetables !!



What Grows? Fruit!!!



What Grows? Fruit Trees



What Lives on our Allotment?

Hedgehogs

Hidden on our allotment is a Hedgehog Box.



Caterpillars



Worms



Bees





Not just good for the planet but for our pockets too.



Crop	Average supermarket price. Per KG	Average annual yield per season.	Cost to us. Seeds and maintance.	Approximate saving.
Green Beans	£4.50	1.5-2.5 kg	£1.50	£3.00
Potatoes	£1.20	4-6 kg	£0.30	£0.90
Tomatoes	£3.50	3-5 kg	£0.90	£2.50
Gooseberries	£6.00	2-4 kg	£4.50	£4.50
Raspberries	£8.00	1-3 kg	£2.00	£6.00



Compost Bins



We have 2 compost bins on the allotment; we use them for garden waste and any compostable waste created at home. The compost is then returned back to the allotment once the waste has rotted down.



Water Butt

We are currently in the process of buying a Water Butt to attach to the tool shed that will help us to collect when it rains and in turn water and maintain the allotment during drier months with less rainfall.



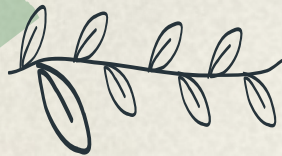
Tool Shed

The Tool shed was acquired second hand and has allowed us to store tools and equipment on the allotment rather than having to take tools for each visit and using the car, allowing us to save money on fuel and reduce our carbon footprint.



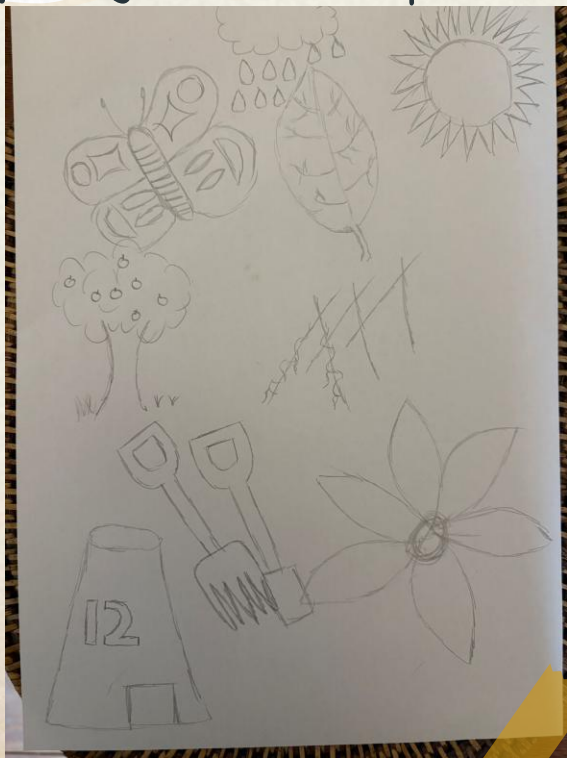


Companion Flowers





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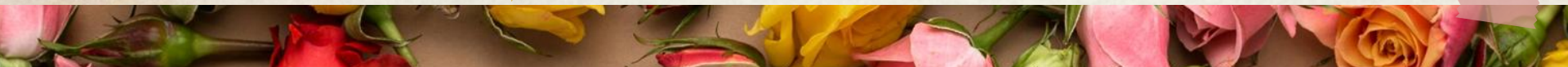


Our Allotment.

Down at the Allotment where green things grow
We have rows of soil where soft winds blow,
A spade, a fork, a watering can
The start of a meal with each new plan.

Strawberries ripen in the sun
Beans climb high when the day is done
Buzzing bees and birds that sing
New hope is planted every spring

And though it's work, it feels like play
Our Allotment steals our hearts each day.



Sharing is caring



Hope.

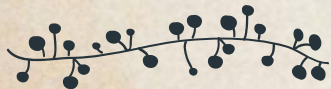


**"Hope is a waking dream"
Aristotle**





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