

Ashton Hayes Gardening Club



Social Evening and Open Gardens

Tuesday 20th June 2017

Allotments and gardens will be open from 6.30pm and drinks and nibbles will be served from 7.30pm at **Helen and Peter's, Ashton Hall, Kelsall Road.**

Ashton Allotment Association welcomes Gardening Club members during the social evening. We are a group of 14 growers with plots at the end of Willow Hayes. Best described as enthusiasts rather than experts we always welcome visitors and could squeeze a new member or two in if anyone is keen.

Lesley and Richard Groves, Brook Cottage, Congar Lane: Just over three years ago we took over a garden which had suffered many years of neglect with overgrown shrubs, invasive bamboo and grass as high as an elephant's eye! After a few months of fairly ruthless clearing we were able to start creating our own space, consisting of a large herbaceous border, many shrubs and a formal vegetable garden which supplies us with fresh produce all year round.

Diane and John Eldridge, Bramble Cottage, Duck Lane: A well established, mature garden with cottage garden planting. The recent removal of a large, old Sycamore tree has let in a lot more light and has provided new planting opportunities.

Linda Peppin, Dove Cottage, Duck Lane: Two years ago the gardens were very overgrown and contained a number of unhealthy trees. After removing the oldest shrubs, a very large conifer hedge and the trees, the remaining plants were given a severe prune and plants, which had been in pots for many years, were added to form the backbone of the new garden. The garden now consists of cottage garden style planting, two new hedges, a clover lawn and a chamomile path with a raised alpine bed, a greenhouse and a couple of small water features.

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