

APCG Report 7th February 2019

After an uncertain start to the year the skeleton committee instructed a team to deliver the Tesco funded training sessions at the garden.

These included **5 workshops**:

Adult and Children's outdoor cooking and preservation
Herbal Remedies
Spoon carving
Willow craft
& a **four part gardening course** with Horticulturist Carol Stone.

Overall there were over 60 attendees and £50 in donations.

Thanks to Helen Kendall and Alex McKichen-Burke for overseeing this.

Maintenance of the garden was managed with a handful of determined volunteers and some enthusiastic contributions from **Good Gym** <https://www.goodgym.org/areas/bath/group-runs>

Following the success of the Training Sessions APCG was delighted to receive interest from several new committee members and 3 organisations

Shehana Gomez
Jonathon Palmgren
Kirsten Melbourne (Voices Contact)
Alison Harper - Environmental Artist
Carol Stone (Greenlinks/Mind contact)

Mind

<https://www.bathmind.org.uk/what-we-do/share/greenlinks/>

Voices

<http://www.voicescharity.org/>

Mentoring Plus

<http://mentoringplus.net/about-us/> (yet to be established)

This shapes a social, creative and therapeutic future for the garden project.
Some of the old committee members including Kathy Cook have committed to supporting the new group while it establishes.

There is still a vacancy for a **Wild Things** preschool group to be run on site.

New Committee New Activity

We have already had 3 successful events and the garden with over a 100 attendees in all and receiving approx £65 in donations.

The new committee is benefitting from a great collection of skills, the events included;

A work & social day in Autumn
A Willow Wreath craft day in Winter
& Feed the birds - a make a bird feeder session

There are new **Tuesday** drop in sessions established (10-1pm) with Carol Stone and Amanda Boston supported by Greenlinks - all welcome

Our next planned workshop event is Seedy Sunday 10th March 11-2pm and we aim to offer a creative session on a monthly basis.

Sunday volunteer sessions will be reinstated when management can develop a sustainable strategy for running them. More grant applications for training courses will be applied for to continue to offer this popular element to the gardens profile.

A grant of £314.24 from **Avon Wildlife Trust** was gratefully received for capital items.

This has been spent on:

2 Wheel barrows

New Tools

Tea making equipment including; a portable stove, a Kellie Kettle and cups for adults and children

A folding Table

7 large Drip trays

A tough seed box

& a white board kit.

£6.50 remains unspent as yet.