



Newsletter Spring 2026

Hello everyone!



We are beginning to see fresh shoots appear with the warmer, drier weather. Spring is always a time of optimism for gardeners when we make plans for the summer ahead.

We are already planning what crops we will grow and in which of our seven vegetable beds. Early potatoes and broad beans are being planted first as the weather is not certain until after Easter.

The fruit trees have also been pruned and manured after a visit by an expert from RHS Wisley. In past summers we lost much of our fruit to pests and insects, so we have installed insect traps and painted grease bands on their trunks in the hope of a larger crop.



We were fortunate in having an article printed in the local Surrey magazine in February 2026 explaining our purpose and principles. It seems to have made its mark as we had a few people contact us interested in volunteering.

We spotted this beautiful peacock butterfly hiding in a wheelbarrow on a cold but sunny day in February.

2026 Events

We are looking forward to the 2026 growing season and planning a series of events with the Community.

- Cobham Village Day (June) – stall in Church Street selling early produce.
- Open Morning (July) – refreshments and tours at the garden.
- Cobham Farmers Market (July) - Hollyhedge stall selling produce
- Cobham Farmers Market (August) - Hollyhedge stall selling produce
- Cobham Farmers Market (September) tbc – depends on produce availability.

As you know, the garden is open on **Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.**

Garden Supporters

Cobham Community Garden could not exist without the amazing support from volunteers to weed the beds, repair the sheds and greenhouse, mow the grass and plant out the seeds.



We thank Raymond, Victor, Wendy, Rob, Carrie, Jill, Howard, Angela as well as newer volunteers Annie, Karen and Kate, and our Duke of Edinburgh Award student for all their hard work and braving the cold to make our garden a success.

We also thank our recent benefactors such as Cllr David Lewis and Squires Garden Centre for helping us pay the bills.

We are saying farewell and a big 'thank you' to our Treasurer, Tony Stone and welcoming Roger Marsden in his place.

More helpers are needed to plant and maintain our vegetable and fruit crops next year – both inexperienced gardeners as well as gardening experts. If you can spare some time, and it doesn't have to be regularly, do come and join us, enjoy the company, the fresh air, the exercise and develop a skill that will last a lifetime.

You'll get a warm welcome. Saturday mornings are more sociable, but it could also be other times to suit individual or group needs.

We are still looking for a new Leader

It's a great opportunity for someone perhaps newly retired, or with a couple of hours a week to spare. It requires a bit of organisation and co-ordination, but gardening experience is not necessary.

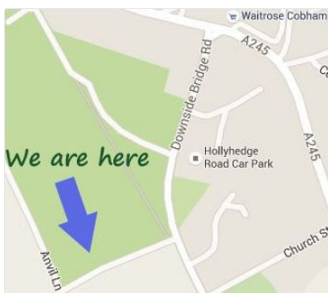
We also need some help to spread the word on **social media** – are you able to post news and events for us?

Finally, our **website** is very dated and needs an overhaul. Do you have skills in this area that could help us?

If you, or you know of anyone who could spare a little time to ensure the Community Garden continues to thrive, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact sylviawilliams1872@gmail.com

Our aim is to inspire young and old to enjoy gardening and appreciate the natural environment



Please do come and visit us – the garden is at the far left of Leg O'Mutton field, Downside Bridge Road, Cobham KT11 1AA.

Contact us on hello@cobhamcommunitygarden.org.uk or visit www.CobhamCommunityGarden.org.uk for more information

