

Newsletter Summer 2026

Hello everyone!

This summer's heatwaves have not been kind to the garden, with its well-drained sandy soil. Still the beans are bravely coming on, together with courgettes, tomatoes and potatoes. At this stage, yields are not expected to be high unless we have more rain.

Our volunteers have been working hard to water and weed the vegetable beds, and the fruit on the trees are swelling. We have had help from volunteers from two local companies to clear ground for new water butts and a Duke of Edinburgh Award student to replant the strawberry plot.



One Summers Day – 28th June



Our volunteers held a successful stall in Church Street, Cobham at the One Summer's Day event on June 28th. Our jams, hanging baskets and aubergine plants were particularly popular. It was a bit early for fresh produce, although we managed a few broad beans and rhubarb.

Please come and support our stalls at the next Farmers Markets – all pesticide-free produce. Our proceeds go entirely to the running of the garden.

Open Morning 8th August

The garden will be open for refreshments and tours on Saturday 8th August 10am-12noon. We will also be saying a grateful farewell to Tony Stone for his many years as Treasurer.

Please do come along and see what we have achieved this year.

Our summer events are:

- Open Morning on Saturday 8th August – Leg O'Mutton Field
- Cobham Farmers Market (July 25th) - Hollyhedge stall selling produce
- Cobham Farmers Market (August 22nd) - Hollyhedge stall selling produce
- Cobham Farmers Market (September 26th) tbc – depends on produce availability.

As you know, the garden is open every **Saturday morning from 10am to 12 noon** to welcome visitors and volunteers.

Waitrose Green Tokens

We have been fortunate to have Cobham Community Garden as one of the three charities supported by Waitrose in July & August. Please, please, if you are in Waitrose pick up some green tokens (after the self-service checkout tills) and add them to our box. Our donation from Waitrose depends on how many tokens we get. Thank you Waitrose!

Website revamp

We are currently updating the Community Garden website with the help of a grant from Councillor David Lewis's Your Councillor Community Fund. Our website has not changed since we set the garden up over 10 years ago. Since then, technology and tastes have changed. Keep a look out for the new site in August.

Garden Supporters

We continue to have amazing volunteer support to weed and plant the beds, mow the grass and water the beds and trees.



Would you like to come and help us?

If you can spare some time, and it doesn't have to be every week, 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

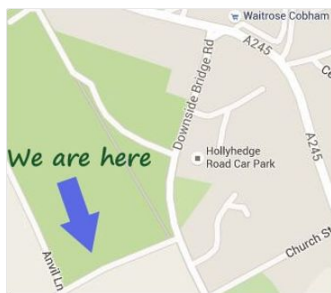
It's a great opportunity for someone perhaps newly retired, or with a couple of hours a week to spare. It requires a bit of organisation and co-ordination, but gardening experience is not necessary.

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

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

