



## Barracks Lane Community Garden

# It was all about compost!

We had a great time at the compost workshop on 18th July. Thank you to Anais from [Replenish](#) for leading a great discussion on how to make nutrient-rich compost from kitchen and garden waste, and to all the attendees you helped us create compost heaps! Their hard work will make a massive difference to the sensory garden and means that we can now fully utilize the green waste we create in the garden.



Each bay has been labelled so we know which one is being used at any one time.

# OXFORD PRESERVATION TRUST

We were visited by a panel of judges recently as we had entered our Wild Edges project into the Oxford Preservation Trust Awards for 2020. Our submission focused on how the **Wild Edges** project focused on the central raised beds feature, which had two interconnected strands. The first replaced the 10 year old wooden raised bed posts, many of which had started to rot and therefore posed a safety risk. The second strand related to the planting scheme. The original planting scheme contained a number of different flora which encouraged local biodiversity. However over the past ten

years some of the original planting had died and the soil quality had deteriorated. We established a new planting plan which mimics natural plant communities and prioritises plants that encourage pollinators, miscellaneous invertebrates and various birds.

Keep your fingers crossed for us!



A shout out to CAG Oxfordshire!

The garden is proud to be part of this network. The Community Actions Groups (CAGS) consists of over 85 groups across Oxfordshire who are at the forefront of community-led climate change action, organising events and projects to take action on issues including waste, transport, food, energy, biodiversity and social justice. To see what they do take a view of this [video](#).



A shout out to Rachel from TOE!

We've mentioned the Wild Edges Project already in this newsletter, but it's hard to keep quiet about good things! Rachel from TOE visited the garden on Saturday and presented us with this lovely plaque.



And our next workshops and events are:

- Fermenting which will be as part of our Harvest Festival - Sunday 19th September
- Festival of Fire and Light (part of Good Food Oxford's Pumpkin Festival) - Sunday 7th November
- Wreath Making - Sunday 28th November

Please put these dates in your diary. More details to follow.

We hope that you enjoy the summer and stay safe.

Best wishes

Barracks Lane Community Garden Trustees

