

Oban Community Sensory Garden

Sight Sound Touch Taste Smell



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Issue 2

Garden gossip..... What's been happening at your community garden?

Spring into Action – Planting days

A big thank you to all our friends who were able to join us on site on the 9th and 30th April to assist us with our planting and restructuring of the garden. The extra helping hands made all the difference and were appreciated.



Despite all the hard work everyone enjoyed the two days, but as always the wee cups of tea and juice helped us along.



The success of the days is there for all to see with the new plant displays—take time to have a look next time you are out walking the esplanade.

Eco day at Primary Campus

Children from the Oban Campus took part in our seed planting activity and poster competition. Congratulations to our winner—Catriona MacKenzie. We are delighted with the art work/poster and intend to reproduce and use in future marketing for our garden activities. Opportunity for a preview—take a look at the back of this newsletter.



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Come and watch the world go by.....	

Activity Ideas

Now that the garden is established do you have ideas for garden activities?

Suggestions so far

Include :

Art session on site

Musical evening

Tea Party

Could you help ?

Please get in touch

Email

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Or telephone

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Young Carpenters - gifts for the garden.....

Mari and Stuart meet up with 3 pupils from Dunbeg Primary School to accept gifts for the garden.

With assistance from their classmates and Mr A Hill the children put their carpentry skills to use to make two bird boxes and a bird table.



Thank you Mr Hill and pupils - Dunbeg Primary School

Friends of OCSG.....

Looking after the garden and our members involves far more work than any of us could ever have imagined when the project was just an idea eight years ago. Now, more than ever before, we're keenly aware that we need lots of willing volunteers to keep us going. So last year we set up the 'Friends of Oban Community Sensory Garden'. The idea to get as many people to support us as possible and help keep this beautiful garden blooming in the years ahead.

Our friends help us in any way that suits them and may include:

- Coming along to gardening sessions
- Helping with fundraising events and activities
- Attending social activities such as our barbeques
- Helping with the running of meetings
- Representing us at promotional events
- Advising us on planting, pruning and garden management



We ask for a small annual membership fee of £3 for an individual or £5 for a 'family' (those living at the same address). These funds will go towards helping our small organisation maintain this beautiful community "green space" for everyone to enjoy. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a friend, please get in touch — contact details page 4.

Easter Egg Hunt - We keep finding chocolate.....

On 8th April we welcomed a group from Schools Out to take part in an Easter egg hunt . Fortunately the weather back in April was really sunny (whilst writing this during the May storms, it's hard to recall what that would have been like!). Easter eggs were hidden all around the garden before the children arrived, including some special golden eggs. The group were well equipped, arriving with their egg 'baskets' to hand and they keenly set about locating all the eggs. Luckily for some of us gardeners working the next day, the youngsters weren't as sharp eyed as they appeared, so one or two of us had a sneaky easter egg too to reward our hard work! One or two even turned up a couple of weeks later, so we'll definitely be doing an easter egg hunt again next year



Garden been busy with mini beast hunts.....



We have had two “mini beast “ hunts on the garden this month, first on a very wet afternoon on the 16th May with Rockfield Primary Campus children and then on 26th May with children from St Columba's Primary. Both groups toured the garden, exploring the five senses. I think everyone now knows about “lamb's lugs” which seemed to be a particular favourite with everyone. Thank you to teachers and pupils for their interest in our garden, we look forward to welcoming you all again in the future.

Remember parents and carers—the garden is open to all and is a safe place to visit and explore with your children.

Future Fundraising Events

Charities Day

The garden will be again this year fundraising at Charities Day on **11th June**, the group would appreciate donations of small plants which we can sell on the day. Extra volunteers to man the stall would be welcomed, please contact if you can assist on the day.

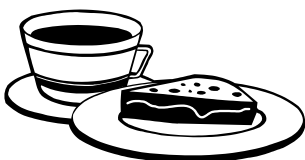


Annual General Meeting

We look forward to welcoming old and new friends at our Annual General meeting on **June 27th** 2011 in the Lorne Resource Centre—7pm. AGM will be followed by opportunity to enjoy a tea/ coffee and a wee cake with our members, hear about our future plans. All welcome.

Afternoon Tea Party

Mark your diary **July 14th** for our fundraising cream tea garden party . Hopefully by then the sun will be shining . This event is part of the bi centennial events in Oban during 10 days in July to celebrate 200 years of Oban as a Burgh. Watch out for posters for more information.



**Do you have ideas.....
Get in touch**



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The committee always has lots of people to thank for the assistance and support we receive from the community. In this edition we would like to give a "big thank you" for the use of the Corran Esplanade Church, without the use of the building, on the many wet days we had in May, many of our activities would not have progressed.

Why not take time in your busy day to visit the garden. A lovely spot to just sit and watch the world go by



What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

William Henry Davies