



THE GREENING WINGROVE SPRING NEWSLETTER!



**"FOR THE PEOPLE OF ARTHUR'S HILL, SPITAL
TONGUES, NEW MILLS ESTATE AND WINGROVE"**

GREENING WINGROVE COMMUNITY INNOVATION FUND

Another year, another round of the Community Innovation Fund! This fund has been a great opportunity for local organisations to play in key role in helping to 'green' Wingrove, in many wonderful ways. 2015/16's round promises us yet more innovative ideas!

In 2014/15 we saw great work from...

- **ACTIVIST GARDEN** - Empowering local women to reclaim the local park, to feel safe in visiting it. There were regular health walks, yoga sessions, planting and growing sessions, plus a fabulous Summer 'Activist Garden Party' that took place at the Bike Garden in Nuns Moor Park.
- **RECLAIM THE LANES PROJECT** - Hosting a huge number of successful pop-up events, including music, photography, planting, bbq's and much more in the back lane at the CHAT Trust, the aim was to engage local young people to reimagine their back lanes and look at how to improve these often neglected, unloved spaces. The project's efforts led to work with Newcastle City Council's (NCC) Waste and Recycling Department!
- **MY PLEDGE PLUS** - This partnership

themed on litter and waste has seen fantastic school resources being produced by Islamic Diversity Centre and West End Youth Enquiry Service working with NCC's artist in residence to produce some creative works. Read about the Greening Wingrove CIC's efforts on page 3!

- **SUMMER HOLIDAY ENVIRONMENTAL (LWB)** - Working with Fenham Association of Residents, the Nunsmoor Centre Trust offered fun practical sessions for young people to learn about green issues and develop new skills.
- **NUNS MOOR PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN** - With the help of the local community, this ambitious project looked to reimagine the former bowling green in Nuns Moor Park as a vibrant community space and garden for all to enjoy. The work involved planning and design of the food growing spaces, hosting sessions inviting the local community to get involved + lots more!

The 2015/16 round of the fund was opened in November 2015. We can certainly say the bids have come from projects with big ambitions!

Please see insert inside for details of all the projects that are looking for your vote on Sat 19th March!

VERTICAL VEG

In April, look forward to our launch of the Vertical Veg programme, all about encouraging people to grow food at the front of their homes to help green the streets of Wingrove and New Mills Estate!

We have a great line up of topics including, willow-weaving, tomato growing, foraging, making syrups and much more!

We hope you can make it along, as we're looking forward to a fantastic year of growing!



DON'T FORGET!

Come and cast your vote at the Community Innovation Fund Voting Event on

**Saturday 19th March,
11am – 2pm at the
Nunsmoor Centre**

Voting will be closed by approximately 1pm

SAVE ON WATER

Greening Wingrove has teamed up with Northumbrian Water to offer local residents a free water audit.

Trained plumbers will come to your home and work out ways with you to help reduce your water costs and in addition can offer free servicing and fixing of water appliances and plumbing up to a value of £130.

For more details on how to take advantage of this fantastic offer, get in touch with the team.

 **REDUCE YOUR WATER CONSUMPTION**

 **SAVE MONEY**

 **FREE REPAIRS**



GETTING IN TOUCH ...

We'd love to know what exciting things are happening in the Greening Wingrove patch!

Grown something amazing? Got a creative recycling project on the go? Want to share top tips on energy saving?

Please get in touch via...

Call: 0191 2126119

Email: hello@greeningwingrove.org.uk

Facebook & Streetlife: WEA Greening Wingrove Project

Twitter: greenwingrove

Insta: WEA_greeningwingrove



GREENING WINGROVE FIXIT CAFÉ

It's good when people get together and collaborate. It's good to fix stuff, rather than chuck it away. And it's good to save ££. So we're looking to set up a Greening Wingrove Fixit Cafe in Wingrove working with the people from Fixit as a bit of a pilot event, to test the water and see if there's enough interest to make it a regular (monthly, bi-weekly?) thing.

And **we need YOU!** We specifically need the following...

PEOPLE who want to have a go at repairing stuff. This is as much about the person with the broken item learning more about how to fix things, so you need to be prepared to learn how to fix things and hopefully they will go home feeling a little bit more knowledgeable!

And people with STUFF to repair, who would like to learn how it's done.

The Fixit team are not repair professionals, but have varied expertise and won't attempt anything they're not comfortable with. (Stuff we're thinking of: electric goods, toys, clothes, furniture, kitchen items, computers, and more! But the team would not be able to accept bicycles, because there are great projects like Sustrans and Recyke-Y-Bike already doing that. Also, no motor vehicles or washing machines will be accepted, if only because we don't have the space!



COMMUNITY LIVING ROOMS

With everything the WEA Greening Wingrove Project sets out to achieve, we always want to ensure we are helping to bring the local community together and encouraging sharing and learning.

We're excited to tell you about a series of 'Community Living Rooms' we want to set up across the project area, including Arthur's Hill, Fenham, Spital Tongues and the New Mills Estate.

We hope the 'Community Living Rooms' will be an inviting space that will encourage residents to come along and enjoy some hot food, meet others, get involved in lots of different activities from upcycling to healthy cooking, access to services as well as IT to pay bills or just browse the net. The opportunities are endless!

We're really passionate about bringing these 'Community Living Rooms' to life! If you'd like to come along, to volunteer, share a skill or tell others about what services your organisation provides, please get in touch with us!



Newcastle University students helping make Wingrove cleaner and greener

UPDATE PAGE FOR THE GREENING WINGROVE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY!



GREENING WINGROVE COMMUNITY "WE GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS!"

STUDENTS AND SCOUTS JOIN OUR CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Our 'My Pledge' campaign to curb litter and fly tipping in Wingrove has taken another step forward.

Students and Scouts have joined in Greening Wingrove CIC's monthly litter picks, adding to the efforts of groups like the Islamic Diversity Centre and the West End Youth Enquiry Service.

We also know that there are more individual residents who are carrying out their own 'freelance' litter picking.

The students' litter picks focus on green spaces like **Fountains Row** and **Nuns Moor Recreation area**.

The Scouts launched the first of our, hopefully more frequent, litter picks around Wingrove Road and West Road.

It's been hard going over February due partly to the high winds blowing mountains of litter down long terraced streets. It's best to bin refuse before it becomes litter!

ADOPT A PLANT OR TREE

We've got lots of trees for planting in the Greening Wingrove area.

These include free trees for residents, as well as for streets, schools, community centres and open spaces.

These are small city trees suitable for urban areas, gardens or planting next to fruit trees.

Would you be interested in having a tree, or helping to plant a few?

If so, please let us know.



SHAPING OUR FUTURE

The Greening Wingrove CIC and the WEA Greening Wingrove Project are working together to turn the Community Interest Company into a co-operative community enterprise.

The aim is to set up a number of income generating activities that are of benefit to the whole community. It'll also help to keep Greening Wingrove as a way of improving our area well into the future.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, we'll be very glad to hear about them.



Become a member of the Greening Wingrove Community Interest Company!

If you're passionate about looking after where you live and want to do more, get in touch with us for more information

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

A VERTICAL VEG GROWER

Naseem Bashir, a resident in the Wingrove area for over 18 years, has been one of our longest standing Vertical Veg growers, since we started in 2014. Passionate about playing a role in her community, Naseem has become a well-known figure in the Arthur's Hill area.

What do you love about living in Wingrove?

I love knowing lots of people in the area! Also, living where I do, the facilities are great, with ease of access to so much, like schools, grocers, work. I love getting involved in lots of things and in the last couple of years have really enjoyed the Vertical Veg programme, growing food at the front of my home.

What would you like to see happening in the area?

I'd like to see more plants, flowers and trees to help make the area look clean and nice. It makes you feel happier when there's lots of greenery. I think making the area look nicer will encourage young people to care more and want to get more involved in things too.

Favourite place in Wingrove?

I love the seating area created on Dilston Road, where it meets Stanhope Street. It's such a lovely space with the benches and the street furniture, a great place for the kids to play. It's an open and inviting space.

Looking forward to anything?

Finishing my garden at the front of my home. It's going to look great but most of all I hope it will encourage more people to grow their own food and realise what they can do in their own homes.



FREE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Video training (Part 1)

Monday 14th March, 10am-4pm, CHAT Trust (250 Philip Street, Arthur's Hill, NE4 5BH)

This will provide training across two dates and provide you will the ability to use a film camera, to create a short film and promotional footage, as well as editing and uploading footage. (See below second date)

Show Racism the Red Card Workshop

Friday 18th March, 9.30am-4pm, Stanton Street Lounge (175 Stanton Street, Arthur's Hill, NE4 5LH)

An interactive workshop exploring the issue of racism in the workplace and/or community and learning how to deal with it in an effective way

Community Innovation Fund Public Voting event

Saturday 19th March, 11am-2pm, Nunsmoor Centre (Studley Terrace, NE4 5AH)

A Greening Wingrove resident? Come along and vote on which projects should be successful in securing a share of £51,000 available to local groups helping to further the work of the WEA Greening Wingrove Project!

Video training (Part 2)

Thursday 24th March, 10am-4pm, CHAT Trust (250 Philip Street, Arthur's Hill, NE4 5BH)

(See Video training (Part 1) above)

Deaf Awareness Training
Thursday 7th April, 9am-12pm,
CHAT Trust (250 Philip Street,
Arthur's Hill, NE4 5BH)

***If you'd like to attend any event,
please get in touch to book your
place as this helps us to plan.***

...AND FINALLY... THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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