

Be Empowered Farm Futures

Recent events

Building our polytunnel



November saw the start of a collaboration between Be Empowered Farm Futures and Kingsmeadow@Madeforever, who are situated at Fisher Road Community Centre. We are very excited by the new journey and working relationship. This joint venture has enabled Kingsmeadow gardening club to re-establish. Last week saw the installation of a new polytunnel; which will allow year round gardening and growing. Great teamwork was demonstrated for the three day task of erecting the polytunnel. It was a fantastic opportunity to work together and massively rewarding once completed.

Why not come and join us at the community Christmas party taking place on the 10th of December?

13th November

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

"Kindness is a gift everybody can afford to give."



<u>In a polytunnel</u>



Things to sow:
Broad beans,
cabbage,
coriander, garlic.



Things to harvest: aubergines, beetroot. cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celeriac, celery, chard, coriander, courgettes, cucumbers, daikon, french beans, fennel, kohlrabi, lettuce, pack choi, peppers, radishes, rocket, spinach, spring onions, strawberries, tomatoes, turnips.

Top 10 jobs this month

- **1** Clear up fallen leaves especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- ? Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- Flant out winter bedding
- 6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost bubblewrap works well
- Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- **9** Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- 10 Use a seasonal bonfire where this is allowed to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

TOP TIP

Leaf mould



• A very easy way to make <u>leaf mould</u> is to rake up damp leaves, put them in a bin bag with a few air holes and tie the top. By next autumn you should have magically produced crumbly leaf mould that can be used as a mulch.