

## **Vegetables at Olden Community Garden Summer 2022**

Olden Garden Veg patch are delighted to welcome two new volunteers - Moira and Saba, to join Lynne, Miranda and Patricia in keeping Olden Garden's herbs and vegetables going.

Although the heatwave means lots of watering, it also means a radical decline in the slug and snail population! So, unlike last year, we have French beans, runners and courgettes all doing well. We were lucky enough to receive three sweet potato plants from an allotment in Wood Green - let's see how they do - and our regular potato beds are doing brilliantly. Also in the raised beds are celery, leeks and tomatoes. In the green house, basil is looking fabulous. We had a good strawberry crop - mainly consumed by members' children. Some community gardens have a principle of 'if you didn't plant it, don't pick it' but we're a bit more relaxed...

We are supporting a new Islington group - 'Welcoming neurodiversity in our community' and were pleased to host a small gathering in and around the veg patch. We are also working hard to involve local children from neighbouring streets, finding ways to offer creative outlets for their energy.

We've just sown new crops of parsley, mizuna, coriander and pea shoots.

Lynne, Miranda and Patricia  
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