

TRYING TO INSPIRE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN
HOW TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD AND LEAD MORE
SUSTAINABLE & ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LIVES



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A little booklet to tell you all about Reepham High School & College's **'Allotment Project'**.

About us...



- It all started on one cold winter morning in February 2015, on a barren part of the school grounds, with one teacher and two volunteers.
- In 2017 there are now over 50 volunteers, of all ages, helping to grow organic produce for the school. All produce is used in school kitchen to show children the importance of locally sourced food or it is sold the local market to connect to our local community.
- Almost every part of the allotment has been built using recycled items such as old school fire doors, wooden pallets, sinks and car tyres.
- We collect all our own rainwater and, out of principle, we never use any fossil fuels to help us maintain the allotment site. Cutting the grass, for example, is done using sickles and scythes. We even make our own compost as nothing is wasted!
- Children help out because they want to and often give up their lunch hour to get stuck in as there is *always* lots to do!
- The Allotment Project also provides an area for young people to chill and blow off steam away from the indoor classroom.

Some of our proudest moments...



- In 2017 the Allotment Project came second in the **Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards** secondary school category and was also awarded 'highly commended'.



- In 2017 the Allotment Project was awarded 'Highly Commended' at **Broadland District Council's 'Community at Heart Awards'**.



Some of the many volunteers receiving 'Highly Commended' at the **Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards** in April 2017.



- The story of the Allotment Project has also featured in the magazine **Permaculture** in an attempt to inspire other schools to create their own outdoor classroom.

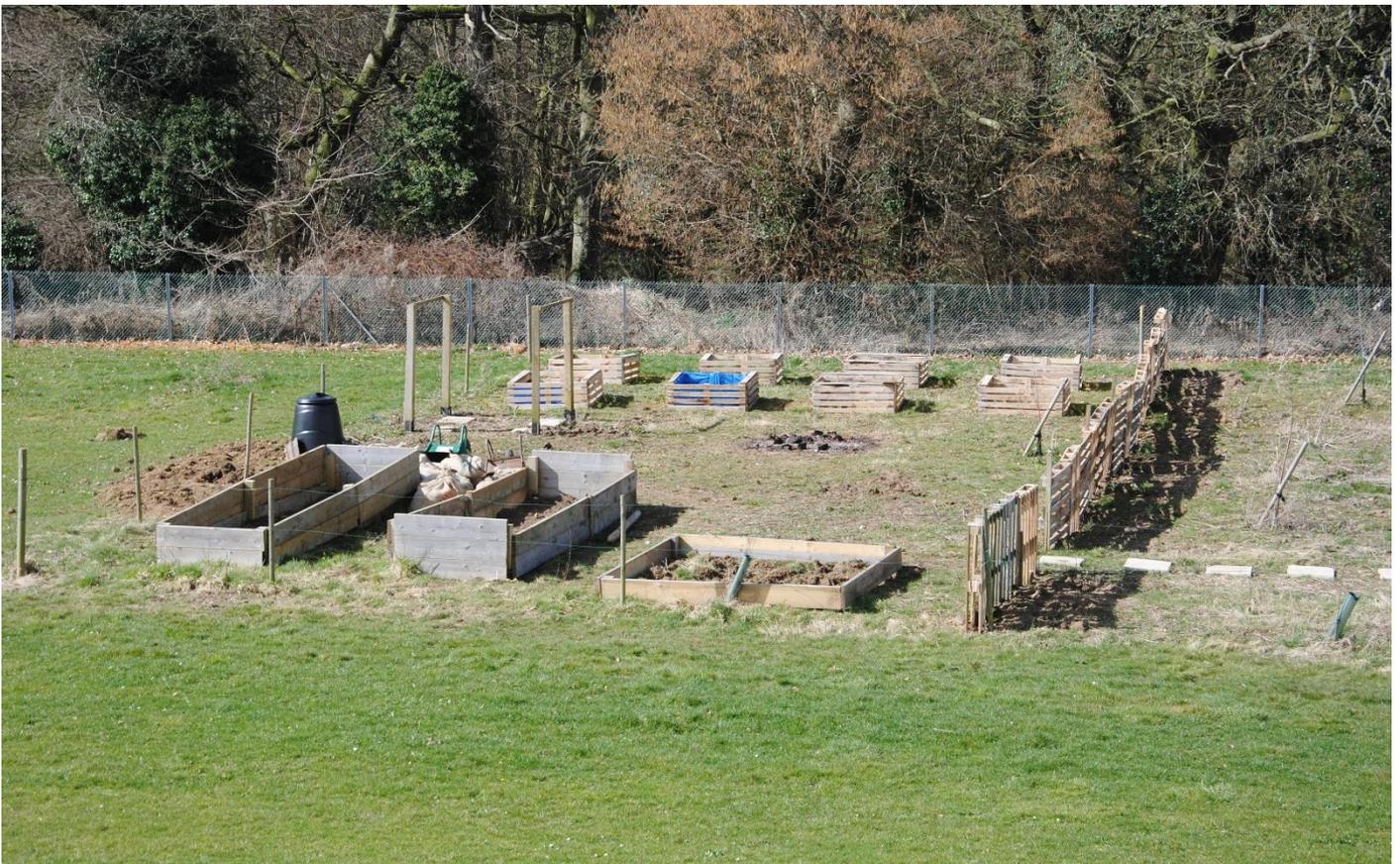
Our food is grown (or laid!) and harvested by the children and sent straight to the school kitchen ready for lunchtime!



A visual chronology of the Allotment Project



February 2015



March 2015



June 2016



July 2017

Our volunteers...



Our High School volunteers





Our Sixth Form College volunteers





Our Parent volunteers



Our Staff volunteers





**Harvesting produce during Curriculum Enhancement Week (CEW), July 2017,
with lower school volunteers**





Harvesting produce during Curriculum Enhancement Week (CEW), July 2017



Selling some of our produce at the local Reepham Market. All profits come back to the Allotment Project.



Thank you very much for taking the time to read our little booklet.

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