

Larne Allotment Gardens Workshops

Soil Health Check

Saturday 6 January
11am – 1pm

A hands-on guide to checking the health of the soil on your plot. Analysis will include measuring the pH level, composition and nutrient content with guidance and practical tips on how to improve it for next season.

Seed Propagation

Saturday 3 February
11am – 1pm

Growing from seed and taking cuttings from existing plants is a cost effective way to cut down on the expense of growing your own food. A hands-on demonstration on preparing various seeds for planting and taking cuttings from soft fruiting shrubs

Cloche Construction

Saturday 3 March
11am – 1pm

Sharpen your construction skills and build a cloche or net box to protect your brassicas from pests. Materials supplied

Growing Organically

Saturday 7 April
11am – 1pm

A workshop covering the basics and benefits of growing organically to reduce the need for using chemicals on your plot. From organic fertilisers to natural pest controls, investigate the more earth friendly options.

Composting

Saturday 5 May
11am – 1pm

Convert the natural waste from your plot into a rich fertiliser by following simple composting guidance. Learn how to make liquid fertilisers and get the best from your compost heap

Pest Control

Saturday 2 June
11am – 1pm

Don't lose your produce to pesky pests! Learn how to identify what is nibbling your greens and how to tackle them to reduce loss of produce.

Allotment Celebration Event

Saturday 7 July
11am – 1pm

An open event to celebrate your Allotment. Family and friends are welcome to join allotment holders for this family friendly event. Help to select and display harvests for entering the Mid and East Antrim Flower Show, 18 August, Larne Market Yard

Plot Clinic

Saturday 4 August
11am – 1pm

Can't grow/won't grow? An open workshop to help address allotment growing pains with general horticultural guidance and support to help tackle seasonal problems.

Build a Hog Home

Saturday 1 September
11am – 1pm

Hedgehogs love to feast on slugs and snails and can provide natural pest control on your plot. Build a simple hedgehog home from recycled materials to attract them to the allotment site to reduce the need for chemical control

Making Leaf Mulch

Saturday 6 October
11am – 1pm

The start of autumn and the leaves are falling from the trees. Learn how to convert this free resource into a natural soil improver and construct basic storage for your leaf compost.

Preparing your Plot for Winter

Saturday 3 November
11am – 1pm

As the coldest season approaches it's a great time to give your plot some TLC with weed control and natural fertilisers. Learn how to prune fruit trees to encourage spring growth, prepare beds for winter and plant hardy vegetables for over wintering.

Winter Crafts

Saturday 1 December
11am – 1pm

Learn how to create natural hurdles from hazel rods. These can be used to assemble compost bins or small raised features on the plot. Fully biodegradable and free!

This event is open to allotment holders and interested members of the public. For more information please call 028 9335 8233, email allotments@midandeastantrim.gov.uk or go to www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk

FREE
EVENTS

Larne Allotment Gardens Workshops

Workshops will take place on the first Saturday of every month throughout the year at:

Larne Allotment Gardens
Town Park in Larne
Glenarm Rd
Larne, BT40 1DY

See overleaf for further details.

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