



An Update from the Walled Garden – July 2020

Although the Garden remains closed due to the current restrictions, work is going on behind the scenes. The good news is that all but three of our fruit trees, and our 'Cubbington Pear', have survived the winter flooding. This is remarkable since their roots were underwater for over 3 months. Ironically we then had a period when we were watering pretty much every day. Fortunately the recent rain has helped greatly. Our 'skeleton crew' has been doing essential maintenance work during these unique times and we have been following government guidance and the advice of allotment associations and other horticultural bodies. However we will remain closed to the visiting public, and to pre-booked groups, until circumstances allow.



Thanks to the work of our volunteer team we have been able keep much of the Garden under cultivation and have been regularly harvesting produce. Early in the season when we became aware that circumstances would be very different this year we took the decision to donate all our produce to the Leamington 'Helping Hands' project and

the Night Shelter until further notice. This is in keeping with the Garden's community agenda and we are pleased to be able to support those who are struggling in these difficult times.



Preparing strawberries at the Night Shelter

If you have been in touch to enquire about volunteering we have started to extend the opportunities and are working on a strategy for fully re-opening the Garden as soon as possible. We look forward to welcoming our regular visitors again and to be able to meet new ones. Of course, more volunteers will be



welcome! Further information on this can be found on our website at www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk – or, when circumstances allow, drop into the Garden on a volunteer day for a chat – more on that later.

Not being able to open at the moment means that donations that support our



work have been significantly reduced so far this year. However it is possible to support us at no cost by using ‘Easy Fundraising’ for purchases made at a wide range of on-line outlets. The Garden is registered on the Easy Fundraising website (easyfundraising.org.uk) as Guy’s Cliffe Walled Garden Trust. Please consider signing up to Easy Funding, nominate the Garden as you make a purchase from one of the companies who donate to Easy Funding – and they’ll pay a percentage of your purchase to the Garden. It costs you nothing!

We will open the Garden as soon as possible

Sarah & Barry

Trustees, Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden