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Community Garden News

Good news!

After over two years of planning and hard work we eventually broke ground at the Community Garden site at Fawcetts Field on 4th May. It was great to see so many people turn up to help and our team would particularly like to thank Mark Jeffries and his NMTC Estates team, members of the Friends of Ballard Water Meadow, the Men's Shed, Chiara Rabbito from NMTC and Suzanne Wright and Lucy Dupoy from NMSB. Thank you for taking the photos Lucy.



The weather was kind and we dug the whole boundary of the garden and the position of the planned gazebo.

We have been working on the final design and construction of the main framework of the garden and expect to see it completed by the end of June. The main construction includes creating the curved pathway through the length of the garden, two 4m pergolas at either end, a 4mx4m gazebo in the centre and 12 raised beds. Other aspects of the garden will be created and evolve as the project progresses and we have lots of great ideas. One of which will be to create a grass 'sofa' from the turf lifted to create the path and which we hope some young people will get involved and help us to build.

We have our next team meeting on 12th June and as well as discussing the ongoing management and operational aspects of the garden we will also be organising an 'Open Day' to launch the garden and invite the whole of our community to come along with their ideas, their plants and their enthusiasm to get involved. Details of the event will be sent after our meeting and we look forward to seeing everyone for a special day.

Best wishes, Julia

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