

<b>THE ALLOTMENT YEAR</b>	
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<b>Winter Composting and bed maintenance</b>	Soil check and sample Soil improvement Digging over beds Clean pots, seed trays, cloches, cold frames, poly-tunnels, greenhouses and sheds Repair fences and raised beds. Plant bare rooted fruit trees and shrubs. Prune fruit trees Cover rhubarb Harvest any brassica's from last year
<b>Early Spring Sowing seeds</b>	Sowing early seeds - propagation Protecting your seedlings – nursery, seed beds, greenhouses/poly-tunnels Chitting potatoes The successful strawberry bed Top dress fruit shrubs Early vegetables
<b>Late Spring Pricking out and potting on</b>	Fast growing crops Early crops – salad leaves, spring onions Succession sowing, intercropping and catch cropping The benefits of cold frames
<b>Early Summer Planting out</b>	Supporting and protecting your crops Fruit cages Watering guidelines Earthing up Harvesting early crops Plant out runner beans Protect tender vegetables Look out for pests Start preparing brassica's for winter veg
<b>Summer Cropping and maintenance</b>	Correct Pruning Collecting your crops and storage Tomatoes - care and maintenance Harvest second early potatoes, early crops and courgettes Pick fruit and thin fruit trees to get improved crops
<b>Summer Fair Harvest Festival</b>	Fruit press, Recipes, Bring and share party,
<b>Late Autumn Winding down your plot</b>	What to do with beds What to prune and how Digging and adding compost to beds for coming year Covering beds to prevent weed growth Continue fruit harvest and pruning Complete tomato harvest Cover late sown salad crops with fleece or cloches to protect

This course can be accessed at any time in the allotment year and can be run at your site to suit your group.

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