



Hello fellow gardeners. Here is our latest information update!

Summer Barbecue

Summer may seem a long time ago as we reach into October (already ?!) but here are a few pictures of our wonderful volunteers who helped to make our barbecue on Saturday 16th August such an enjoyable occasion. It was great to see many people from the extended Wembury community attending as well as our plot holders.



Why Do We Use Netting?

At the recent “Plot of the Year” vote one slip read *“Any plot that doesn’t use netting.”* It is a fair concern since no one wants wildlife harmed, but here is why netting is used on the allotments.



The photo shows my Brussels sprouts after butterflies found them. Within days the leaves were eaten. A simple mesh cover could have prevented this. Months of work lost in a week. There is a difference between being trapped in netting and getting inside it. The fine mesh we use is designed to block butterflies, not tangle birds. If a bee or butterfly slips in it usually finds its way out.

Loose garden netting is far riskier for birds than the taut mesh we use, which protects vegetables without harm. So although netting should be regularly checked and maintained it remains one of the best and most wildlife friendly ways to guard vegetables. Without it the caterpillars win and I have no brussel sprouts for Christmas Day !!

Apply for Your Plot

You can apply online at <https://e-voice.org.uk/wemburyallotments/> No matter your experience you will be made welcome. **Our waiting list system favours residents of Wembury Parish.**

Apply for a plot, attend our events, and join our community. See you at the allotments!
Wembury Allotment Association Committee