

The Seed Box Newsletter

Hello Spring!

Welcome to our latest news letter. We cannot believe that Spring is here already, we seem to have been busy with lots of different jobs.

Well, what have we been up to since the last newsletter?

Read on for more information.



**Enjoying early Spring Sunshine
during tea break**

Christmas 2021

Christmas tree sales at Glen Tanar Walled Garden went well. Most of the trees sold within the first couple of weekends which was great.

Wreath making was something the whole team can get involved in,

whether it was collecting greenery, wiring cones, or by making the wreaths by hand. Over 100 wreaths were made and all sold which was a great achievement.

Christmas woodwork also sold well.



**Glen Tanar greenhouse all set up
for our Pop Up shop at Glen
Tanar (left)
Wreath making (top)**



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Dates for your Diary

- Aboyne Farmers Market—14th May.
- Open Weekend 28th and 29th May.
- Aboyne Farmers Market—11th June
- Doors Open Days—18th September at Glen Tanar Walled Garden

Garden Furniture

A very busy start to the year with some more garden furniture getting some TLC. Some of the furniture was from the general public, but we also collected some benches, tables, chairs and picnic benches from Balmoral Estate.

As we are fully into our growing season, we will not be taking any more furniture at the moment but this is something we will look at again for the start of next year.

If interested in getting your garden furniture renovated please get in contact with

susan.littlejohn@theseedbox.org.uk



**Garden Furniture
Restoration**

Open Weekend 2022

We are really pleased to announce that our Open Weekend will go ahead as normal (as much as possible after the last couple of years dealing with Covid).

This year our Open Weekend at The Walled Garden, Ballogie, Aboyne, AB34 5DT will be held on the **28th and 29th May, 2022**, both dates from 10 am to 4 pm.

It is free to come along, all welcome and parking will be available.

Not only will you get the chance to come along and see what we do but also the chance to buy some plants:-



Bedding, vegetable, fruit trees and bushes, perennials, shrubs, climbers.

Shorty's of Ballater will also be there providing teas/coffees, soft drinks, ice cream and bakes.

Children welcome, there will be a children's activity for them to take part in.

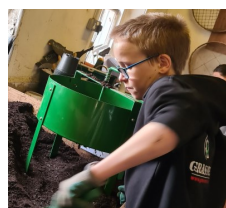
We will also have a tombola stall, if you have anything you would like to donate, please get in contact with susan.littlejohn@theseedbox.org.uk

General Jobs In Last Few Months

Van Washing—the weather has been so dry the van and minibus are needing to be washed regularly.

Seed sowing and filling pots has been a continual job.

Constant weeding.



Aboyne Farmers Market

Aboyne Farmers Market has started up again for 2022, again this year it is the 2nd Saturday of each month from April to December.

With approximately 30-35 stalls every month, it is a good chance to buy from local producers.

The market has a good mix of food and craft items and is a great day out for the whole family.

Why not come along to the next market on Aboyne Green, 14th May, 10 am to 2pm

Aboyne Farmers Market
Dates 2022

April 9th
May 14th
June 11th
July 9th
August 13th
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December 10th

Aboyne Green
10 am to 2 pm

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Donations

We were delighted to have received a couple of donations since our last newsletter.

The first one in December 2021 from Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy and the other was in January 2022 from Baldarroch Crematorium, Crathes, Banchory.

Both of these donations are much appreciated so a big thank you to them.



Donation From Baldarroch Crematorium



Spring Flower Bouquet

Woodworking

The team have been busy in the workshop this Spring making some new bird boxes and ladybird hotels.

The new bird boxes are for Woodpeckers and Tawny Owls.

This is good for the team to learn new skills.



Woodworking Skills

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Volunteers

Once again, many thanks to all our volunteers for all the hard work they do throughout the year. We could not do this without their help.

If you would be interested in volunteering with us please get in contact with susan.littlejohn@theseedbox.org.uk for more information.

Volunteering has enormous benefits including good way to meet people, good to keep fit, good for the soul.



**7 years volunteering
for this Tuesday lot**

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General News

We still have the Glen Tanar Walled Garden as well at the Ballogie Walled Garden. Most days half the team are at Ballogie and the other half are at Glen Tanar.

Veg Bags—the garden will be getting planted up shortly with all our veg for 2022. Most of this veg will go into weekly veg bags, if interested in receiving more information about them please contact

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We had been contacted by some of the pupils from Aboyne Academy to take part in Y.P.I (Youth and Philanthropy Initiative). The Y.P.I is a powerful active citizenship program, empowering young people to make a difference in their

communities whilst developing a range of skills.

We were pleased to say that the group that wanted to do their study on us got through to the final, although they did not win, it was great to hear about the other charities that were in the final.

Doors Open Days will be held again this year which we will be participating in at Glen Tanar Walled Garden, Sunday 18th September 2022, 11 am to 4 pm.

We are trying to do our bit for the environment and we have been using peat free compost this year and are trying to re-use any old pots.

