

June is bustin' out all over!.....as the song says & crops are proving that, thriving allotments all around! The welcome, warm weather is due to last & hopefully the results will be seen in the produce at the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup>. Annual Open Day at the Friarstown location on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. 2018, (noon to 4pm).

**Invitation to Open Day 2018**  
**Friarstown Allotments, Bohernabreena**

South Dublin Allotment Association in association with South Dublin County Council, invites you to their 3<sup>rd</sup>. Annual Open Day on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>. July 2018 from 12pm to 4pm in Friarstown Allotments

Competition – Produce  
*Best in Brassicas, Legumes, Fruits, Jams & more*  
 Walk-about - Light Refreshments for Sale  
 Judging and Results  
 Prize Giving

1st.

Located on the right just beyond St. Anne's Church, Bohernabreena



Cars up & down the pathways & in the car park are reminded to drive slowly as there are people who may not be easily seen or find it difficult to move out of the way in a hurry. Please use parking where provided.

**Healthy Soil**

Your allotment soil is enriched with compost & manure. How else do you support the health of your soil?

Chemical use is one of the worst things you can do, they destroy more than the weeds, they get into your produce & into you.

Organic means of weed & pest control are encouraged, more and more use of natural means of control are in use. Knowing the soil ph, use of good compost and crop rotation all support healthy outcomes.



**Dumping**



There has been bitter disappointment following the resurgence of dumping once again after such a positive 18 months since bunkers were installed.

It is heartbreaking to see the abuse of the Friarstown facility in particular. We all have a part to play, we have a collective responsibility to tackle illegal dumping.

If you see it, report it. Contact us here on 414-9000 or at [allotments@sducoco.ie](mailto:allotments@sducoco.ie)



## CLONDALKIN HANDCRAFT & HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2018



As Part of Feile Sráidbhaile Chluain Dolcáin /  
Clondalkin Village Festival 2018

**Dáta / Date: Sat 30th June 2018**  
**Ionad / Venue: Newlands Home & Garden Centre**  
 Catagóir / Category: Produce, Preserve and Floral. Free Demonstrations and Music from 2.30 - 4pm.

Create Your Own Strawberry Contest

Sew It, Grow It, Show It...

as part of  
The Clondalkin Handcraft and Horticultural Show

**Dáta / Date: Sun 1st July 2018**  
**Ionad / Venue: Áras Chrónáin**  
 Catagóir / Category: Baking, Photography, Sewing, Art & Craft, Homebrew etc.  
 Mini Siopa, Face Painting and Music on the day.

**AM / Times of Both Shows:**  
 10am - 1pm - Entering items  
 2.30pm - 4pm - Audience viewing  
 4pm - 5pm - Results & Prize Announcing

Foirn Iontrála / Entry forms are available from  
 Áras Chronáin, Newlands Home & Garden Centre  
 Email: [Clondalkinshow@gmail.com](mailto:Clondalkinshow@gmail.com)





### Strawberries

*Strawberry plants can yield 1 to 2 lbs of fruit each with regular attention & watering. Birds and slugs like to get in and ruin your crop. A rich healthy soil, watering and removing any damp areas for slugs to camp out.*

### Yummy by Susan Burns

The strawberry jam  
was oh so sweet  
made by my Mam  
as a tasty treat



I spread it on some bread  
And licked my lips,  
I try to remove from my head  
The thought that it will go straight  
to my hips!

### Be Mindful:

- Always conserve water, do not leave hoses connected to taps running.
- No Spraying – spraying is not allowed.
- Respect – offensive language is upsetting & serves no purpose, help keep our allotment sites free from abuse.

### Just a thought

“What good is the warmth of summer,  
without the cold of winter to give it  
sweetness.” » John SteinbeckQ. !

We'll be back in August, '18, send us your news!  
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