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Gas House Fields Allotments throws open their gates for National Allotments Week

Originated by The National Allotment Society - for over two decades National Allotments Week has encouraged allotment holders to throw open their gates and show off their sites, to highlight the social, health and environmental benefits of UK allotments.

2024 marks the 22nd year of the campaign which will run from 12th to 18th August. This year, the week focuses on 'biodiversity' to highlight the environmental benefits of allotments.

To celebrate the week Gas House Fields Allotments site are throwing open their gates for a community open day on 16th August 2024 from 4pm – 5pm for the Salvation Army Summer Holidays Club and 5 - 7pm for Residents and Tenants. Locals are invited to come along and take a look at the plots and learn more about the benefits of allotments and growing your own. There will be Wildflower Seed Planting, Building of the SWANCC Bug Hotel, Harvesting of the Living Workshop all crops go to the local Foodbank at the Salvation Army and the launch of The Living Workshop Guide to Allotmentteering at Gas House Fields Allotments.

SWANCC says "We are excited to be holding our first open day at Gas House Fields Allotments. All are welcome to pop along for a chat, learn about growing and visit the site. Our allotments are an amazing place that teach people about growing. They encourage healthy living and provide an important biodiverse habitat for wildlife and pollinators".

Allotments are acknowledged by Natural England as an important part of the UK 'Green Infrastructure' - a network of crucial green spaces that support wildlife, improve air quality, promote health and mitigate carbon emissions.

For more information, visit the National Allotments Week website for details:

<https://www.thenas.org.uk/national-allotments-week>