

Knowledge Greenhouse

Allotments Look Blooming Good

Communal space revamped with help of resident chef



Residents at the pioneering Greenhouse building in Beeston have teamed up with the local community to revamp the development's communal allotment space.

Citu, the developer behind Greenhouse, launched the project known as 'Going Green' with the aim of cultivating green shoots on the land while establishing new links between Greenhouse residents and the local community. Experienced green-fingered locals were on hand to provide advice to residents, exchanging ideas and top tips as part of the initiative to ensure that the development's 189m² communal space at the nearby Ladypit Lane allotment remains thriving for many years to

come.

And it came in handy that a talented chef from one of the region's top restaurants, who is also a keen gardener, happens to live at Greenhouse. Connaire Moran – chef du partie at Anthony's – admits that the allotment space, as well as the development's many other eco-friendly features, was a major pull for him when he made the move into Greenhouse earlier this year.

"Being a keen gardener and chef I'm very aware of the importance of growing fresh produce and it's great to be part of something with other residents at Greenhouse, as it really feels like we are part of a community both internally and

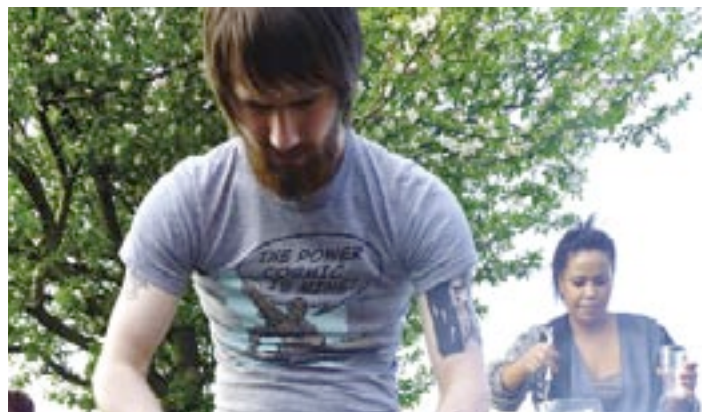


on a wider, local scale," he said. "Greenhouse is the perfect choice for a more peaceful option to city centre living with the balance of a very short walk into the city, and the tranquillity of the countryside."

The team of 30 budding gardeners cleared the overgrown land and also refurbished and decorated the shed, before planting the new produce. Sounds like the kind of work to build up an appetite – and fortunately Connaire was on hand with some leak and potato soup he'd made from produce grown within the Greenhouse courtyard, followed by some tasty barbecued meat that he'd marinated in herbs grown in the same spot.

Commenting on the success of the event, Citu director Fraser Stride said: "It's really hitting home how much we can engage the local community, as well as our own community of residents and office tenants, which has gone above and beyond our initial expectations of how well everyone would interact."

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