



Nansledan Allotments - A Growing Community

Back in autumn 2023, a small group of residents got together to see if we could generate sufficient interest to set up allotments within Nansledan. Fast forward to 1 June 2024 when the Duchy granted us a license for allotments at the SANG, the Nansledan Allotments Association (NAA) formed and our first plot holders got on site to start preparing and get growing. Within days the first crops were planted!

We purposely sized our plots to be manageable mindful of busy lives and effort needed. Our plot holders are a great cross-section of the Nansledan community including several amazing mini plotters from 3+, all got hands-on learning how their food grows. No previous experience is needed, enthusiasm the key ingredient. Any experience is willingly shared as are tools, seedlings and resulting produce. We've learnt quickly how to respond to conditions at the exposed SANG site. There are pests a plenty including naughty crows, ravenous slugs and even the odd mole popping up where least expected but NAA Rules prohibit use of chemicals, pesticides, herbicides and artificial

fertilisers so we're learning how to deter naturally and tolerate sharing. The wildlife is amazing, many different birds visit to help with pests and the clover surrounding the plot edges in the summer buzzed with 100s of bees. And the odd deer dashing across the SANG but yet to invade our space for a snack (we have our own Fenton, called Jessie).

Almost everything on site so far has been reused or recycled by our enterprising plotters. Raised beds built, woodchip paths laid, compost heaps started and a



range of surprisingly comfortable seats built from pallets plus a mud kitchen with teepee. Some terrific produce grew quickly including carrots, leeks, kale, chard, runner beans, pumpkins and squashes, sprouts, celery, cauliflower, potatoes. Lovely flowers too. As for 2025, already onions and garlic are growing and plans being hatched for getting planting from March. What will be this year's successes (and failures), we'll soon see!

We couldn't have achieved this without support from the Duchy, farmer Steve, tree surgeon Andy plus truck loads of Black Gold delivered by George and donations including from David Ball Estate Agents,

FirstPort, Morrish and CGFry. Our distinct logo has been designed by local illustrator Zoe Zahava. Interest in our progress has come from the National Allotments Society featuring us in their national magazine. As a community, so far we've laid a path to our communal shed, planted 100s of saplings and bulbs across the site and prepared one plot for a communal garden. Encouraged by support of many SANG visitors who stop for a chat, we will have open days this year including during National Allotments week in August, theme being Health and Wellbeing, plus we hope to share surplus produce with the community.

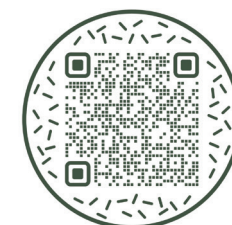


What's ahead?

Our next site is under construction within Rialton. Beyond that we'll have plots within Rialton Terraces, a large area to be landscaped between the existing SANG boundary and Stret Merdihin/Rialton Road. Elsewhere within Nansledan there'll be another 2 or 3 sites in the longer term giving us well over 100 plots in total.

Want to get involved? If you are keen to give growing time and commitment, to join the 2025 waiting list, send us your name, postcode and contact email to

nansledanallotments@gmail.com or scan code for website. Plots are limited to Nansledan residents/those with a direct link to the Nansledan community (work in or have close family on Nansledan). We



need more help as we grow - if you don't feel you can take on an allotment but would like to get involved, scan the code.