

Food and Growing Group report - Admin meeting November

Next meeting of F&G group is Nov 9th.

Local Larder

There's been a review meeting - Martin can update on progress from that.

Seed Saving

Seed Swap Group has met, and planned repeat of last year's process... GQT, markets and Potato day

Email sent out to encourage participation - for additional seed champions and volunteers interested in helping pack seeds (January)

Grow North

Final 2017 workshop held Oct 14, v successful. (November workshop cancelled - planned facilitators pulled out, unsuccessful attempts to find substitute)

Attendance and costings for the year (so far - end of year celebration in Dec.) :

Workshop	March	April	May	June	June	July	September	October	December	Total
Attendance	4	13	14	7	12 (+2)	6	12	12		80 (+2)
Donations	50	85	104.30	25	66	57	74	119		580.30
Outgoings	75	125	125	75	75	75	(125)	80	25	655 (780)
Total Cost										74.70

In addition to this : Co-op funding of £500 received, and at least £480 from other Co-op scheme still to come. (Celebration Day 25 Nov, when funds are divided in this scheme.)

Survey monkey sent out to determine level of interest/support for a Grow North 2018.

Apple Press

Anne coordinated bookings this year - stepping in when Bob had to deal with family emergency. Thanks go to her.

V busy at all markets, litres of juice produced in total : 227.5

N Kessock (Sept)	36.5
BIG	30
Cromarty	35
Culbokie	61.5
N Kessock (Oct)	64.5

'Staffing ' of the apple press process was more of an issue this year...Peter T on his own at Cromarty, and it would have been an issue at NK (Oct) if Brendan hadn't fortuitously been there.

Maintenance : we've already identified the trailer needs a service (Macgregors on the Longman can do this), but the Press itself also needs some repairing, the Press 'cage' being now out of alignment.

Julie