

Food and Growing update - Mar 2018

First full F+G Group meeting for a long time booked for end March - in meantime various sub groups are busy and engaged in their relative activities.

- **Potato Day** - another successful day despite the weather, which may have impacted on the numbers. If felt more evenly spaced out in terms of attendance, possibly less attenders? As we didn't do a count last year can't make real judgment. Good feedback as always. Great benefit in having James Dingwall collect and store the tatties. The start of the day far less tiring/ hectic than usual...in fact time for folk to almost put their feet up !! Special thanks to Trish McK who did a brilliant job with Tattie ordering and liaising. Development : Next year need to raise advertising up a notch. And folk new to the planning group will be able to take on more responsibility as have now gone through the whole process. In terms of fundraising see costings below, as they stand at the moment. More income to come.
- Service and overall TLC for **apple press and trailer** currently being attended to by Lesley and Gordon Robb.
- **Grow North** - up and running, with programme being sent out. First session at Teen Ross's garden went v well, enthusiastic group of 6. Advertising for venues for a couple of the session worked very well, really good response.
- **Seed swap** - doing the rounds of the markets at the moment. Very successful at Potato Day. We've been approached by Maria Scholten, recently employed by The Gaia Foundation to coordinate a new Seed Sovereignty Programme.
- **Local Larder** - going to invite Julie Shortreed to F&G meeting. Need to get business cards disseminated around the BI.
- **Netherton community garden** - Lesley reports another person has joined the group working in the garden, so now 4 informal plots being grown on.

Tattie Day 2018 Attendance 350 approx

Income		Outgoings	
Door and Tattie sales (incl donations)	£1826.65	WCF	£752.30
TBI stall	£92.60	Skea	£662.80
Seedswap stall	£177.80	Subtotal	£1415.10
Cafe	£308.01		
Sub total	£2405.06	Growbags	135.92
		Hessian sacks	
Soirbheas	£222.40	Paper bags	£34.02
TTF	£102.53	Printing	£97 +
SNH		Hall hire	£90
Dan Ross	£66	James Dingwall (storage) -gift	£32
Gilberts	£27	Growbags	135.92
Cromarty market	76.30		
Total	£2899.29		£1804.04

(Last year : income on day £2531.77; potato costs £1688.20; hall hire £63)