



# St. Mary's Secret Garden

growing together - well-being through gardening

## Summer 2018 Newsletter



### London Marathon Achievement



**£2,175.00**  
raised of £2,000 target  
by 65 supporters

Enormous Well Done to Hackney Council employee Paul Foinette who ran the London Marathon on such a very hot day this year and raised a total of £2,175 online plus £308.32 offline.

### Open Gardens & Squares Weekend

As part of the annual Open Gardens & Squares Weekend we opened this year all day Saturday 9th June until 8pm, welcoming more than 230 visitors and raising over £800 from plant sales and the vintage café - Thanks to all involved.

### Hackney Learning Trust Courses

With help from The Hackney Learning Trust, 40 people from Hackney, 50% of whom with learning disabilities or experience of mental ill health, have been learning about basic gardening techniques from seed sowing to feeding your tomatoes!

### In the Community

We've been continuing to maintain the St Mary's Estate garden in Haggerston as always plus a few new mini green spaces "parklets" around Hackney!

Judging is taking place soon for London In Bloom and Keep Britain Tidy Green Flag award.. We will let you know the outcome. We are excited that this year the ceremony takes place at Hackney Town Hall.

## Hackney Recycling Awards

Cathy is pictured here with Councillor John Burke picking up a cheque for £500! Thanks to Hackney recyclers!



## Hello Hackney Drop in Blog - Podcast

Garden director Paula has been featured in a new podcast about the garden and wellbeing with Hello Hackney Drop in Blog. Listen here: <https://t.co/1MjyCMm7BI>

## Available Services and Opportunities

1. Awards for All – Supported Volunteering Opportunities.

Currently full

2. Individual therapeutic services and wellbeing – please see web site (1/2 and full days available)
3. Volunteers wanted – Experienced gardeners and garden buddies.
  4. Connect Hackney – Ageing Better – A garden social club for over 50s with a learning disability.
  5. \*We will be RECRUITING a new staff member soon thanks to The Mercer's Company\* - this opportunity will be on our web site.



## Other News

Thanks to Flymo for a lovely donation of hosepipe and reel!



## Upcoming Events

We invite you to this years' AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> July - refreshments at 6.30pm for prompt 7pm start. Please let us know if you are attending. And yes.. Brexit does also have an effect - come and hear how.

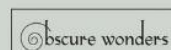


A photograph showing various botanical drawing materials on a wooden table, including a red apple, an orange, a branch with leaves, a drawing of a leaf, a drawing of an apple core, and a drawing of a leaf. There are also several pens and pencils.

## Lunchtime Secret Garden Drawing Classes

Every Tuesday from the 12th June  
1pm till 2pm, £5 + a donation to the garden  
Drawing the beautiful herbs, flowers and wildlife  
inside St. Mary's Secret Garden  
with tips and techniques from botanical artist Jo Fisher Roberts

Enquiries and booking: [info@obscurewonders.com](mailto:info@obscurewonders.com)



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