

COME TO THE
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

THURSDAY

18TH SEPT- 7:15PM

St John's Highbury Vale CofE
Primary School, Conewood
Street, Islington, London, N5 1DL

Attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of your housing cooperative is crucial because it is your opportunity to have a voice in important decisions, such as reviewing finances, electing board members, and shaping the future direction of your community.

Volunteers wanted

In the spirit of the cooperative we are looking for volunteers who are interested in being involved in the following initiatives. If any of these projects appeal to you please let us know at the AGM or if you cannot attend please send an email to qbtc1975@gmail.com

- Gardening Team
- Event Planner
- Member Support Network Coordinator
- Childcare Co-op Organiser
- Skill-Sharing Workshop Leader
- Community Resource Hub Curator



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CARING FOR YOUR GARDEN AFTER SUMMER

Summer is winding down, and your garden might be looking a bit tired. Now is a great time to help it get ready for the cooler months ahead. By doing a few simple things, you can make sure your plants stay healthy and your garden looks great next year.

1. Clean Up

First, give your garden a good tidy.

- Pull out old plants: Remove any plants that have finished blooming for the season.
- Pull weeds: Get rid of weeds so they don't take over.
- Clear away debris: Rake up any dead leaves or other mess. This helps prevent pests from finding a home in your garden over the winter.

2. Cut Back Plants

This is called deadheading, and it's super easy.

- Snip off the faded or dead flowers on your plants. This helps the plant focus its energy on its roots and leaves instead of making seeds.
- Cutting off old blooms can sometimes even encourage the plant to grow a few new flowers before it gets too cold.

3. Feed Your Soil

Think of your soil as the foundation of your garden. After a summer of hard work, it needs to be fed.

- Add a layer of compost on top of your garden beds. Don't worry about mixing it in—the worms and rain will do that for you.
- Compost is a rich, dark material made from old plants and food scraps. It gives the soil lots of nutrients and helps it hold water better.

4. Get Ready for Spring

Believe it or not, now is the perfect time to plan for next year's garden.

- Plant spring bulbs: Buy bulbs like daffodils and tulips and plant them in the ground. They will stay there all winter and pop up with beautiful flowers next spring.
- Divide perennials: Some bigger plants, like hostas or daylilies, can be split into smaller ones. You can use a spade to gently dig them up and divide the clump into two or three smaller pieces. You can replant these in other spots or share them with friends.

By taking these small steps, you'll be setting yourself up for a beautiful garden next year. Happy gardening!

If you are feeling a little overwhelmed with where to start please email qbtc1975@gmail.com and you may be able to draw on the advice of our gardening volunteers!