

Meet your fellow Gardeners in the Bushy Park Allotments

Meet David

1. Who are you?

David from Hampton

2. How long have you been in the BPA?

From 2012 onwards so 12 years now

3. Why did you originally wanted to come to do allotment gardening?

We talked to some friends who had an allotment in Bushy Park and they explained the benefits to having one, showed us around and suggested to go to the waiting list. I think we had to wait for 4 years to get in here.

4. What are your main interests in gardening here, what do you especially like to grow ?

We are lucky to have an old large apple tree in our plot (chosen out of a hat by our young daughter at the time !) I like to grow a variety of vegetables – the usual ones and then some experiments each year. Also fruit bushes

5. Any success stories or hints to share with your fellow gardeners?

Never give up! Do not try to do everything at once. It is a lot of work. It takes perseverance to be a gardener but it is rewarding when you succeed. We are lucky to have very knowledgeable neighbours here to give advice and hints.

6. Any lessons learned?

Do not choose varieties that need a lot of watering unless you are able to come in every day. We do need days off every now and then.

7. Future plans for your gardening?

I think more experimentation. Testing new varieties.

Thank you David!

