

Garden Wonders

It's now mid-summer and our community gardens are becoming an abundance of fruit and veg, some ready to harvest, some well on their way.

The garden's health is helped along with some of the wonderful insects who make it their home. Here are a few who have visited the Cooper Park edible gardens.



I found this cocoon in the soil, just under the surface. Can you guess what's in there ready to fly out? Email info@reapscotland.org.uk with your answer and we'll send you some salad seeds to sow.



These pictures show the life cycle of a ladybird.

They lay their eggs on the undersides of leaves in June.

When they hatch in July you can see the larvae, black with yellow dots on their sides, they are hungry beasts and will eat lots of aphids.

In the next picture you can see the ladybird has just emerged out of the pupa July into August.

At the bottom you can see the adult ladybird.



Have a look for these wonderful creatures in your garden, you could make a home for them, here is an idea for a bug home for you to make.

Lots of bees in the garden too, feeding off the flowers.

Good plants for nectar are borage, the flower can refill with nectar within a minute of a bee drinking from it!

See how many different types of bees you see in the garden, they are all different colours and sizes.



For more information on how we can look after the insects in our garden to help keep it healthy go to:
www.buglife.org.uk
www.bumblebeeconservation.org

