



# Ben's Plot's 17b & 18a

Ben Graham is a passionate local young gardener, who was inspired by his Grandparents to get his own allotment plot.

At the start of 2020 our family gained another half plot (18a) to add to our other half plot (17b). So we have been extremely busy at the allotment building fruit cages, cold frames, bean frames and doing lots and lots of digging. Despite these crazy times we are all having to adjust too, it has been wonderful to see that so many people are still enjoying cultivating their plots. We have finally reached that time in the year where everything is going into the ground and looking even better than in their little pots. After that horrible frost we are now having some fantastic weather, but this also means having to thoroughly water to keep all the thirsty crops looking healthy. At the moment I have nurtured nearly 60 tomato plants. I have also been growing aubergines, chillies, onions, 200 runner, french, borlotti and broad beans. Loads of squash varieties. Also courgettes, chard, Sweetcorn and much much more. I am really excited to see how everything turns out!!  
**Happy Gardening All!!!**

2020  
Build 1



The beginnings of our NEW plot 18a back in January 2020.

Lots of clearing & digging which we have now finished.



Our NEW fruit cage, which we built using vintage recycled roof beams.

We now have all of our fruit bushes producing currants & raspberries.

2020  
Build 2



Our NEW cold frame made entirely from scrap wood!

### Cold Frame:

This is our NEW Cold frame, which was our 2nd DIY project. Made from recycled wood & an old greenhouse door. We sealed it with Sandtex Bay Tree 10 year paint.

2020 Build 3



Our NEW propagators keeping our squash & watermelons warm

This is the 'Wizards Hat' a propagator designed & built by my dad & is working great for all my young squash plants going in!



Our first plums ever on our plum tree!



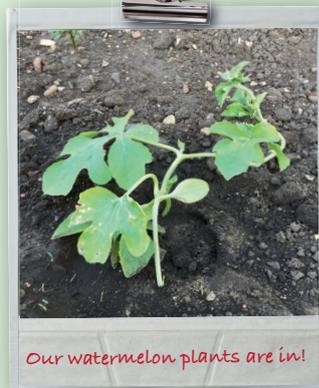
The sweetcorn is looking really good and strong!!



Lots of strawberries about to turn red!



A week later and they have now turned red!



Our watermelon plants are in!



Tonnes of Flowers coming!!



Our onions are looking so much better than last year, hoping we will get enough for a whole years' worth of onions.

I am really excited to see how much produce i get towards July and August and see if this year we can get some watermelons like we did 2 years ago. Stay safe, stay healthy and carry on Gardening!

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