

Royston Allotment and Garden Association (RAGA) Open Day 25/05/2014

RAGA (website <http://www.raga.org.uk/>) held an open day on 25th May 2014 to which allotment holders and members of the public were invited.

**ROYSTON ALLOTMENTS &
GARDENS ASSOCIATION
COOMBES HOLE (OFF GREEN
STREET)**

SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2014
11.00-3.00p.m.

"OPEN DAY"

- SCARECROW COMPETITION
- CHILDRENS COMPETITION
- PRIZES
- VARIOUS STALLS
- BOTTLE STALL
- PLANTS AND PRODUCE
- RAFFLE
- BARBEQUE AND REFRESHMENTS

Allotment Site Description

The RAGA allotment site comprises over one hundred allotments. Many of the plot holders have sheds and several have small greenhouses. There is a porta-cabin, which is used as a club house and a shop, and a storage cabin. The club house has electricity.



Scarecrow competition

Scarecrows were constructed on a number of allotments and were judged by the Mayor. The winner was the flower pot man. Here are some examples, including the flower pot man.



Children's competition



Different animal signs were displayed around the RAGA allotment site, which children had to find. Once they found a sign they ticked a sheet of paper to show that they had found it. This could be adopted by S.H.A.G.S. for its open day so that ticking the whole sheet wins the child a prize.

Gardening techniques used on the RAGA allotment site

Different methods of supporting netting to keep out birds and butterflies.

The following set of photographs shows a wide range of methods used to support netting to protect crops. The homemade wooden connecting block in the first picture on the left is very interesting.



Different methods of creating a climbing frame

The following set of photographs shows a wide range of methods used to support climbing plants.



Collecting water and managing vegetable waste



Some allotment holders have used water butts to collect water from shed guttering. Many compost their vegetable waste in bins or homemade wooden enclosures.

Novel Bird scarer



This bird scarer consisted of a model of a bird mounted on a pole with a very flexible wire. The slightest breeze caused the “bird” to “fly” up and down.

Flower beds

Many plot holders had created flower beds to make the whole plot look more attractive.



RAGA society rules

The society rules and regulations, together with a strategy document, can be found on the RAGA website: <http://www.raga.org.uk/>