



**Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. I wanted to take a look back at the year and highlight some of the things that we have all achieved together. Here is just a sample of what we did.....**

### Potato and Seed Giveaways

We managed to hold a couple of physical giveaways in March in Tillydrone and at Bonnymuir Green. The latter was particularly well received and we will be there again next year, along with a lot of other places we have arranged. More details to follow in our January letter.

We also partnered with *The Haven* in Stonehaven and *The Strathbogie Seed Collective* in Huntly who gave away seed potatoes.

At the same time we gave seeds away to over 140 schools and community groups in the North East. Thanks to everyone who bagged and delivered these for us and helped at events. We reckon over 1000kg of seeds were given away and to date over 40,000kg of produce has been grown locally as a result of what we do.

Our Autumn onion and garlic giveaway went down a storm too!



### Grove Nursery, Hazlehead

We are making progress in creating new educational spaces at *Grove* and will be moving forward with this in 2022. Aberdeen Council has been very supportive in giving us the space for free and we are buying equipment now so we can start courses next Spring.

### Our Community Allotment

If you would like to do some growing and learn techniques for growing with *One Seed Forward* then you are welcome to come along to the community allotment plot at Nellfield Place, Aberdeen. Just get in touch and we can arrange a convenient time to visit.



## Aberlour Trust at Garthdee and Bucksburn

We supported this great cause by installing planters and creating herb beds and a leaf mould bin at their sites in Aberdeen. We hope to continue working with groups like this in 2022, and have had some chats with groups like NHS Peterhead, Camphill and Children 1st about what we can do with them next year.

## Garden Schools Research and Resources

Our *Garden Schools* programme continues to get interest from lots of schools and we are working hard behind the scenes on providing online resources and physical support for schools. We hope to have some news on this very soon and are in talks with various councils and potential partners to make this happen. We were delighted to provide awards to schools in the City and Shire in 2021 and hopefully will have more to give out next year.

## Keep Growing Aberdeen

We have been partners in *KGA* for the last 2 years. It was set up to give activities for families during the first lockdown, and we are delighted that at the end of the project *KGA* delivered over 650 kits to people, helped create 3 new community gardens and developed and printed recipe books based on the food that was grown from the seeds we gave away. A few of you helped with this, including donations of pots, driving around the city delivering packs and bagging seeds and compost.



**Huge thanks to you from all the partners for doing this. We have left *KGA* now as we have so many things that we have planned for 2022, and wish them well with future projects.**

## Finally.....

Can I send a personal thank you to all of you volunteers and committee members for everything you have done for *OSF* this year. From our great new website to online talks, distributing seeds in your communities and providing ideas and support, it is only possible with your contributions and I thank you from the bottom of my heart in showing what "community" is all about.

Have a great Xmas and New Year and look out for our January newsletter which will have lots of exciting opportunities for you to get involved with over the winter months.

*Bob Donald, Chair, One Seed Forward*

