



Postponement of Visit to David Ross
The closure of the road going up to Kettleshulme would have meant some of us facing a lengthy detour. **So please note the October visit to David Ross is postponed until the Spring.** Hopefully, you agree this is better timing because there will be more to see and to buy! And fingers crossed we will be enjoying some clement weather.

Delighted to say we have an excellent replacement. Garden Group member **Paul Gillingham** will be giving us a visual presentation of the work he and Denise have undertaken in their garden since they moved into their new home eighteen months ago.

Those of you who saw our table at the recent Groups' Display event will have gathered from Paul's project board (*image left*) there is a major transformation underway.

It certainly promises to be an enlightening session.

16th October 2pm-4pm | Paul Gillingham | Mackie Hall, Spring Bank Arts

New Mills Allotment & Gardening Society

You may know that in the past NMAGS has held an annual open day in the summer. However, as with so many things, these events were interrupted by Covid. The good news is that there is a strong possibility there will be one in 2024 at the Ollersett site. If it does happen, and once I have details, I will schedule a visit into next year's calendar.

In the meantime, **Steve Evans** (the NMAGS Secretary) has agreed to come along to the November meeting to share with us the unique challenges of gardening on an allotment and tell us about the work members have undertaken.

As the RHS says on their website readying an allotment for cultivation can seem a daunting task, so it will be fascinating to learn just how it is done.



image courtesy of Pat Cooper

20th November 2pm-4pm | Steve Evans | Library Lecture Room, Town Hall



NB the change of date and venue for the **Wreath Making Workshop** with Sara from Bridgemont Decorative.

As requested, the workshop will be offered closer to the run up to Christmas and switched to the Mackie Hall at the Spring Bank Arts Centre (the Town Hall is closed from the 18th).

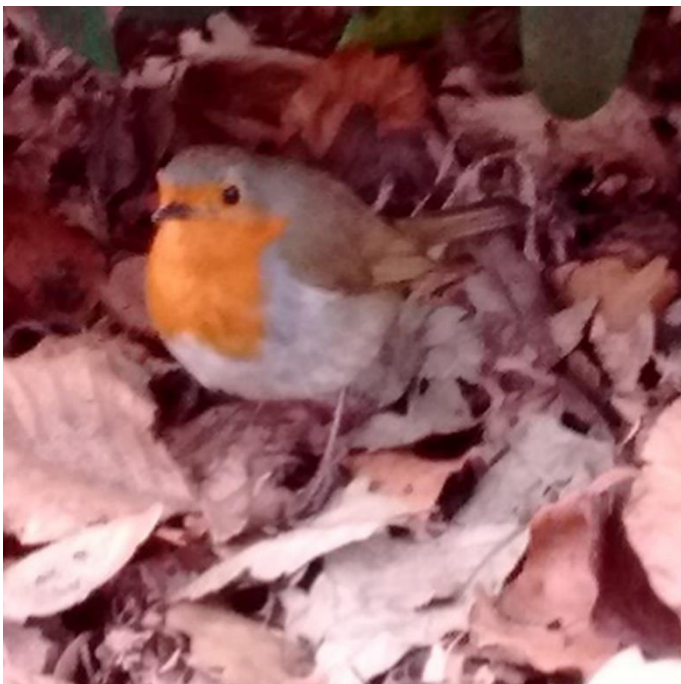
Only £25, and all equipment, wire and foliage will be provided and of course you get to take your finished wreath home with you.

Please confirm by the end of October if you wish to add your name to the list. I will open it up to others and if you know of anyone who might be interested, please do pass on the details.

Festive refreshments will be on hand.

18th December 2pm-4pm | Wreath Making Workshop | Mackie Hall, Spring Bank Arts

And Coming Up in 2024



"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies"

Gertrude Jekyll

With only 82 days to go to Christmas (at the time of writing) 2024 does not seem all that far away so thinking about next year's schedule possibly:

- **March** Jeanette from The Plant Shop in New Mills joining us with the range of plants she has in stock and offering valuable advice
- **April** the postponed visit to David Ross
- **May** Plant and Seed Swap hosted at mine
- **June** a member's presentation
- **July** visit to the NAMS Ollersett site (if open)

All to be discussed and agreed of course and please let me know what you would like to do, where you would like to go. Perhaps a destination organised by the Outings Group; a visit to a member's garden; a trip to a specific garden centre or garden; etc etc. You suggest it and I will try to organise it!

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