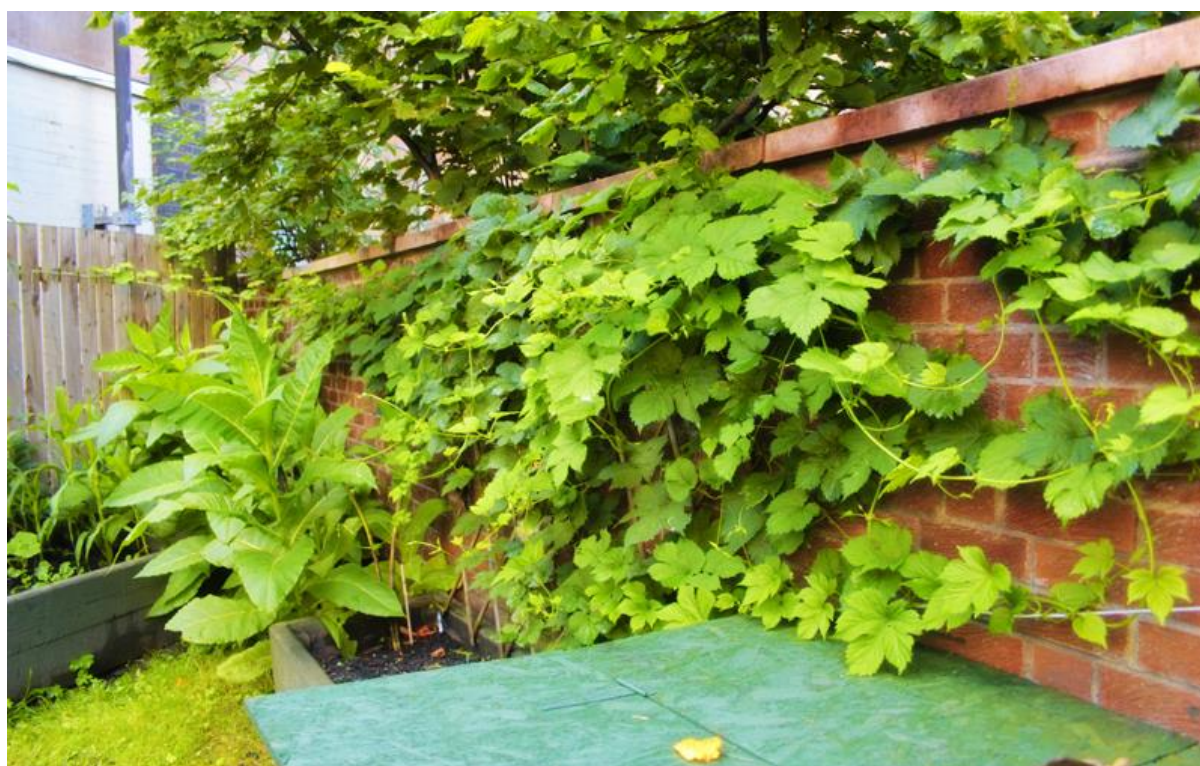




Right in the heart of Govanhill down a lane behind the local bookies on Allison Street you will find the Allison Street Community garden. Previously an area of unused waste ground this space has been turned into a much loved greenspace which is tended mainly by local children and residents.



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The garden is around two and half years old now and has really gone through a transformation over the years.



2014



2015

## What happens at the garden?

This year local residents got the chance to try out growing their own plants.



Lisa who lives in the same block as the garden tried her hand at growing hops along with some interesting varieties of sweetcorn and sunflowers. She said.

*"My own garden is north facing so my growing season is incredibly limited. With the community garden being south facing it has given me a head start in the spring and prolonged the growing season into the autumn. The garden is very close to my home which has many benefits over an allotment as it allows me to quickly access herbs for cooking and fit some gardening time into my busy schedule, which would otherwise be quite difficult if I had to travel any distance to access a growing space. I am about to harvest two varieties of hops I use in my home brewing and my heritage variety corn should be ready in October, which I'm VERY excited about"*



Lisa's hops



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South Seeds who helped create the garden also run regular gardening sessions on Wednesday afternoons. The sessions offer the chance to learn about growing different kinds of plants including all sorts of edible plants as well as all the maintenance needed to keep the space looking loved. This year we had a great crop of radish and courgettes and the tatties are almost ready to dig up. All the veg that's grown gets divided up between the volunteers that come and help.



This local lad who regularly helps at the garden tells us "I like growing potatoes the best and my mum is always very happy when I bring them home with me.

It's mainly the local kids that come to help in the garden but the sessions are open to anyone who's interested. If you're free on a Wednesday afternoon between four and five why not pop in, even if it's just to say hello and have a look around, you won't regret it.

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