

Community Stars – Gardening

Grounds for celebration

When members of Wetheral Methodist Church in Cumbria heard that the parish council was looking for land to create some new allotments, they thought their old Chapel Field would be the perfect spot.



The prospective allotment holders came along with their partners to clear the site, dig up the earth and lay paths. In just a few months the allotments had taken shape and were ready for planting.

Having been just a patch of weedy waste ground before, the chapel field is now a neat and tidy hive of industry, and a talking point in the village.

Allotment holders grow everything from potatoes and onions to leeks, beans and sprouts. They even donate some of the produce each year for the

harvest festival, which must hold the record for the most locally sourced produce in the whole country!

“ It is such a positive improvement on the field of weeds and we all take pleasure in the productive use of the land, and look forward to many more years of co-operation and harvest. ”

Millie McKey
Secretary and Treasurer,
Wetheral Methodist Church

Church details

- Wetheral Methodist Church, Near Carlisle
- North Cumbria Circuit, Cumbria District
- Average congregation: 17

What you'll need

- A patch of land that's not being used
- Links with the local community
- Someone on the team who is familiar with making applications for grants

Digging by numbers

- 3 years of harvests so far
- 7 allotments in the one field



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