**Community Garden Design Competition**

**Overview:** This competition is to help design the community garden(s) that will be built in the St Stephens area in 2023, one possible location being Greenwood Park. The vision for the garden is not just a beautiful green space but a thriving space for the local community to connect over a shared love of gardening and growing. In particular we are looking for a garden design that thinks about:

* **How it encourages wildlife in the area**;
* **How the space can help bring the community together**, and
* **How it is accessible for everyone.**

We are open to any creative ideas for how the garden can meet the above criteria. The winner will see elements of their design come to life in the final design of the garden, plus a number of prizes including:

* A luxury food and wine hamper from Hampergifts.co.uk
* A £50 voucher for Aylett Nurseries & Garden Centre, and a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Nursery
* Free coffee and cake at the Lazy Llama Cafe
* A £20 St Albans voucher from the St Albans Business Improvement District

**Opening and closing date:** 2nd July to30th September2022.

**Eligibility:** This competition is open to anyone of any change and any ability. No need to have professional experience of any kind. If someone under the age of 18 wishes to enter, a parent or guardian should sign the consent form below.

**Judging criteria:**

* **How it encourages wildlife in the area** – which plants, flowers, features or designs could help encourage more wildlife (e.g. pond, bug hotel, wildflowers)
* **How the space can help bring the community together** – how the space is set out for bringing the community together (e.g. space for growing vegetables, seating areas or shelters, etc)
* **How it is accessible for everyone –** how the space incorporates features to enable everyone from the community to enjoy the space (e.g. extra space by raised beds for wheelchair users)

You will be given space to write about how your garden design fits each of the above criteria in the entry form below if you wish to use it.

To enter:

* Submit a picture of your garden design to **info@growchiswellgreen.org**
* You can use any medium to draw your garden – just scan or take a picture of the design and send it to us
* You can use the form below if you’d like space to write more about how your garden meets the three criteria
* By sending the design you agree to our privacy statement (see below)

**Entry Form**

Please fill this out (either written or typed) and send to [info@growchiswellgreen.org](mailto:info@growchiswellgreen.org) alongside a scanned copy or picture of your garden design.

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| Name |
| Email address (if under 18, email address of parent or guardian) |
| Name your garden |
| How does your garden encourage wildlife in the area? (Max 300 words) |
| How does your garden enable the community to come together? (Max 300 words) |
| How is your garden accessible for everyone in the community? (Max 300 words) |
| **Consent form**  For entrants under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign below to give consent to enter the contest:  Please tick here if you would like to be added to our mailing list so you can be kept up-to-date on the progress of the community garden and any upcoming wildlife events/activities |
| **Privacy statement**   * The organisation receiving this form is 'Grow Chiswell Green Ltd', a community not-for-profit group and will **not** be used for any purpose other than the design contest * All data will be deleted once the competition closes and the winner(s) announced * **By sending your design to** [**info@growchiswellgreen.org**](mailto:info@growchiswellgreen.org) **you agree to the privacy statement** |