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### Welcome

If you are new to the area – welcome! This is your quarterly Winter newsletter.

I'm your Neighbourhood Engagement Officer, Gemma. I'm working with residents on local projects events. If you have any questions or ideas for a project – I would be happy to hear from you.

## **Contact us..**

If you'd like to get in touch about anything related to Spotlight contact: Gemma Bennett by email at gemma.bennett@jigsawhomes.org.uk

### **LETS GET SOCIAL**

Why not like the Facebook pages for regular updates of community news:

facebook: Jigsaw in Miles Platting





The Jigsaw Foundation offer funds for projects which make a difference to the lives of our residents and their communities in the Miles Platting neighbourhood. The fund is open to charities, residents and community groups, voluntary organisations, social enterprises and local partner agencies.

Please see our website for further information on how to apply. https://foundation.jigsawhomes.org.uk/

#### #CommunityFunding

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### **Jigsaw Rewards**

#### JOIN JIGSAW REWARDS TODAY

Jigsaw Rewards is our innovative online tenant engagement programme that

encourages our tenants to provide regular feedback on services and plans for the future. Tenants from across the Jigsaw Homes Group, which includes Jigsaw Homes North can register for Jigsaw Rewards.

Signing up couldn't be easier! Visit rewards.jigsawhomes.org.uk and enter your surname and tenancy number.

Take part in as many or as few activities as you like at a time that is convenient to you. Complete surveys, send us themed photos, mystery shop or scrutinise our services.

In return, you'll receive points which can be exchanged for high-street gift vouchers like Amazon, Vue Cinemas, Tesco or Love2Shop. Alternatively you can get credits towards your rent account – you could receive over £100 in vouchers or rent credits each year!

With Jigsaw Rewards, you're in control and you can do as much or as little as you like.

Take part. Collect points. Be rewarded!

Don't miss out - join today at rewards.jigsawhomes.org.uk

### **Household Composition**

Please let us know if your household composition has changed so that we can update our records on who lives at your dwelling. Contact Jigsaw Homes on 0300 111 1133

## **Local News**

## **BUTLER COURT**



Bulter Court held a Halloween tea and disco party on the 31st October 2021 where resident DJ Peter played a selection of tune and there was hot meat & potato pie cooked especially by our on-site care staff. Fun was had by all tenants that attended and they are now looking forward to the Christmas Party!

## **Digital Inclusion**

Manchester Libraries and Work and Skills teams have set up a new internet and device scheme to help get Manchester's most vulnerable digitally excluded residents online. If you know of any residents that could benefit from this scheme, then please contact digitalinclusion@manchester.gov.uk

If the resident is eligible for the scheme, they will receive a device to keep along with internet connectivity if needed until 30 June 2022, along with one-to-one support on how to use the device.

#### Who is eligible?

#### To be eligible:

- they must live in Manchester
- be 19 years plus
- have no Internet access
- have at least one of the following long term health conditions, disability, be over 65 or be of low income

There are over 300 devices to give out over the next three months.

Also, if you work with any residents that have Internet at home, but need support, skills, or confidence to get online, help is available. There are a few ways to get in touch:

- Contact the Digital Inclusion team to refer a resident, email their details to digitalinclusion@manchester.gov.uk.
- Residents can contact the team direct by texting 07860 064 128, leaving their name and area of Manchester where they live.

## St George's Day Parade

Great news! St George's Day parade is back 24th April 2022 if restrictions allow. We are looking for people to take part and help with the organisation of the parade. Let's show that we can come back bigger and better after a 2 year break! If you would like to join in, please call or text Thelma on 07788606234

## **North West In Bloom Winner!**

Ells Quinn and her team at Tinsley Alley won the North West in Bloom pride of Manchester award and gold for outstanding alley. Ells works hard throughout the year to continually improve the alley and make it an enjoyable space for the community. The hard work has paid off with the receipt of these top awards! Well done Ells, Alan, Linda, Derek, Stephen and everyone involved!

## **Trinity Church**

#### Update on Trinity Methodist Church.

Our neighbours in the area will have noticed the problems with the Trinity building, brought about by Storm Cristoph in January.

The building is undergoing extensive repairs and will reopen in due course.



### **Creative Writing**

We have lots of creative residents in Miles Platting, do you fancy having a go at creative writing? Get in touch to submit your work!

#### Man - By Christopher J Burton

I once met a Man, no clue, to his age, like an amethyst hewn, from a rock in Zambesi.

He was loud, he was proud, bursting with ambition and blazie'.

To know him once, was to know him always.

His troubles were shared, his care was concerning.

This man, passed on fears of internet scams and thieves, and always shared the news of a problem.

Imbued with the knowledge of foresight, his place, in this world, was troubled, remembered and the impact is unnerving.

I know this Man.

This man, to many, was loud and demanding, but, when, he was right, he made sure, that his might,

would carry, throughout the day.

He fought for his and other's rights, and his contribution was written.

All his demands were always appropriate and inclusive.

He never, was shy and always remembered.

This man had opinions, never mainstream, always exclusive.

Years of persecution, hounded, mistreated, harassed and tormented too.

He survived on his wits and imagination.

Imbued with his sense of surprise, he knew how to Survive.

This man, is - You!

#### **A Christmas Story**

'Twas a couple of days before Christmas and Santa Claus was asleep in bed resting before his busy schedule ahead.

He'd had his red and white suit cleaned, his beard trimmed and checked his little helpers were on time sorting and wrapping gifts for all the children in the world who, of course, had all been good!

It was in the early hours when he felt a dig in his back. "Go to sleep, dear", he mumbled to his wife, "You know I need to keep my strength up!". A few moments later, another dig. "I told you..." he began, "But darling" she said in a low voice, "I thought I heard something!""Heard something? You're imagining things, it's probably just the wind". "Go back to sleep". Minutes later, another dig. "I'm sure I heard something, listen". Sure enough there was the faint sound of plop, plop, plop. Not from downstairs, but above them....on the roof.

"Go and see what it is", she said rather nervously, "It might be an intruder". Santa slowly got out of bed, mumbling under his breath. He reached for his shoes and coat and trudged downstairs and out the front door.

A couple of minutes later he was back, wet and windblown. He took off his shoes and coat and began nestling back down in bed. "Well!" his wife demanded, "What is making that plop plop noise?"

Santa turned to her and said "Don't worry IT'S ONLY THE REINDEER" (Rain, dear)

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## What's ON?

## **Community Library**

The library's opening hours are: Tuesday 10am – 4pm Thursday 1pm – 7pm Saturday 10am – 1pm There are food waste bags available for all residents to collect.

## **Manchester Cares**



Bonding over the beautiful game: How two free United tickets turned into a fun day out, a stadium tour and a new Love Your Neighbour friendship.

We recently invited avid Manchester United fans Marie (80) and Eleanor (26) to watch their beloved team play Aston Villa at Old Trafford. Marie and Eleanor met for the first time on match day, and were soon to find they had a lot in common.

Marie really enjoys watching United games on TV with her children and grandchildren but had never been to Old Trafford before her day out with Eleanor, and told us she was delighted to have the opportunity to experience a live match. She's seen quite a few players in her time, from Bobby Charlton to Paul Scholes to Denis Law, and is proud of the Irish players that have been part of the team, including Roy Keane, who's from Southern Ireland just like her.

Eleanor is originally from Worcester and has lived in Manchester for a number of years, working as a physiotherapist. She describes herself as a "lifelong Man United fan" and told us that her grandma, a Mancunian and a season ticket holder, wouldn't have let her support anyone else.

Marie was confident that United would beat Aston Villa, and predicted the score could be 5-0. Sadly the result was a much more disappointing 1-0 to Villa, but Marie still said it was "a grand day out, a great experience we just got on well together" and told us "it's just what



I needed, to lift me up". Eleanor told us: "I enjoyed spending the day with Marie because it was full of laughs, and I liked being part of her first experience of watching the match at Old Trafford. It felt as though I was going with a good friend".

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Since watching the match with Eleanor, Marie has also come along to our recent Man Unitedthemed Social Club, a tour of the Old Trafford stadium and museum, along with her friend and neighbour Ray. She said she really enjoyed the trip, particularly when the group got to sit in the manager's chair and have their photos taken.

As Marie and Eleanor got on so well, bonding over their shared love of their local team, and

despair at the result that day, they are a perfect match for our Love Your Neighbour programme, and will be continuing their friendship. Eleanor described Marie as "brilliant" and "funny, easy going and sincere", while Marie said Eleanor was "a lovely girl - really bubbly, nice, easy to talk to" and someone who "talks a lot, asks questions and is good with people". They are looking forward to chatting on the phone and meeting up out and about in Manchester, and no doubt they'll be watching plenty more matches together!



If you'd like to get involved in activities with Manchester Cares give us a call on 0161 207 0800 and speak to Amy on Option 1. We'd love to hear from you!

## What's ON?

## **Ancoats Visual Arts**





Ancoats Visual Arts or AVA art group is the best little community art group in Ancoats. Based at Hope Mill on Pollard street the group meet on Wednesday afternoons (1-4pm) or Wednesday evenings (6.30-9pm). It costs just £4.50 per session and people must book before hand as places are limited. People should bring their own art materials. The sessions are led by a group volunteer and there is no tutor.

People can join if they have an interest in drawing, painting or craft and is great for beginners and people of all experience levels - everyone supports each other and there is a wonderful creative and supportive atmosphere in the studio where new friendships can be created.

Members can bring their own projects to work on or join in with group projects. There are loads of interesting objects and plants to draw in the studio as well as captivating views from the windows to inspire members. There are inspiration folders on the bookshelf full of creative project ideas for those days when members arrive without knowing what to do, along with a choice of books about artists, materials and techniques to offer further inspiration.

Either way members have the space to enjoy themselves in a supportive, relaxed and encouraging studio environment.

Full details are on the website: https://www.creativeartcourses.org/product/ancoats-visual-arts/ or contact Brian for more information via the website.

## YPAC

#### **Residential**

In September we took a group to Ghyll Head on a residential. It was the first one we had done in two years since the pandemic. We took 9 young people away canoeing, gorge walking, climbing and doing the zip wire. It was a chance for young people to get away together and challenge themselves to try new activities and overcome fears.



#### **Detached Team**

We have a Detached Youth Work team that are out on the Miles Platting estate twice a week engaging young people- if you see them out and about say hello. They will be engaging young people who socialise on the streets to help them make good, informed choices about life choices.

#### **Youth Clubs**

Our Youth Clubs are now fully open after the Pandemic. The times of the clubs are:

Tuesdays	4.30-6.30pm	Ages 13-15
Wednesday	3.45-5.45pm	School years 1-5
Thursday	5-7pm	<b>Transitions group Years 6-8</b>
Friday	6-8pm	age 16+ Friday group.

Young people are required to have a signed parental consent form to attend. If you want any more information on these clubs then please get in touch with Chris on chris.macintosh@ypacmanchester.org.uk

East Manchester Youth Bank

In January, East Manchester Youth and Play Partnership will be running a project to set up a "Youth Bank".

We will be gathering a group of young people aged 14-18 from across East Manchester to be part of a grant-giving panel for other young people in the area to apply to for funding great ideas.



The project will run initially from January to May, meeting once a week, with two days in February Half term Young people will be trained to set up the panel, decide what they want to fund for young people, and deciding on which great ideas will be funded to help the area.

If you're aged 14-18 and interested in getting involved or want to find out more, email Chris on chris.macintosh@ypacmanchester.org.uk



## **Community Gardens**



#### Miles Platting Community Gardening Project

NEW for Miles Platting residents!

- Do you love gardening?
- Are you interested in gardening but don't know where to start?
- Or feel you know nothing about gardening but would like to see if it's for you?

If you answer yes to any of the above – then join us at this new FREE community gardening project in Miles Platting, which is supporting local residents to get involved in gardening. We launched in June with a Celebrate Summer Gardening Event held at Ridgway Street Gardens.

This project has lots of different things to offer:

- Meet regularly with other local people
- Get support with gardening skills and ideas
- Get help growing food to eat
- Learn about cooking the veg you've grown
- Find out more about growing for nature
- Make new friends
- Relax and clear your mind

# **MCRactive**

- Get creative
- Build and make things
- Take part in seasonal community gardening events

This project has been started by local community gardeners at Holland Street and Ridgway Street Community Gardens, in collaboration with Waymarking C.I.C. and MCRactive.

Regular sessions will be starting soon. Sessions will be held outdoors in Ridgway Street and Holland Street Community Gardens.

If you're interested in taking part or want to find out more about the project – contact us on 07593 411048. We look forward to meeting you.



\*Photo Credit, Olivia Glasser

## Pageant

**Opportunity to participate in a creative arts pageant in July 2022** We are a team of creative artists and researchers who are working with residents in Miles Platting and Newton Heath.

We are creating a community-wide pageant about climate issues and resilience in July 2022.

\*\*Puppetry, drama, music, dance, art, food, nature, heritage\*\*

Want to get involved? Contact artists Jenna & Kevin: pageant2022@gmail. com or text project phone 07341 920655

The project is led by community artists and researchers from the University of Manchester. Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.



## **Health & Wellbeing**

### **Community Grocer**

Miles Platting Community Grocer is open, offering local residents a weekly shop of roughly £12 for £2.50. Household items and toiletries can also be purchased.

We will be closed for the Christmas break on 30th December but open again the following week.



The community grocer is now being managed by Jigsaw Homes. Appointment and referral only, please email gemma.bennett@jigsawhomes.org.uk or call Gemma on 0707793186763 to make an appointment or for more information.

### BUZZ

Hi, I'm Anna. I'm working for buzz Health and Wellbeing, NHS and I am the Neighbourhood Health Worker for Miles Platting, Newton Heath, Moston and City Centre and I am here to support residents like yourself by starting up some community activities that can benefit your health & wellbeing.

To do this, I need to speak to as many of you as possible, but if we still can't meet in person, a community questionnaire will be emailed to you all!

If you have any questions, or would like to know more, or you would prefer to answer the questionnaire over the phone or in writing, please email me at anna.jarawka@gmmh.nhs.uk or phone me on 07342630494.

## Winstanley Day Nursery

#### ATTENTION PARENTS - REASONS YOU SHOULDN'T HAND A SMARTPHONE TO YOUR CHILDREN

Technology today has been an amazing change in the world we live in. It's allowed us to accomplish some amazing things. The impact that technology has on us today is undeniable, however, this doesn't license parents, to hand our child a phone or tablet to be entertained. We need to do much more than



babysit with electronics. We must give our children life transforming virtues that will mold them.

Now let's get into the reasons you shouldn't give your child a smartphone or any other kind of technology that entertains them for hours and hours.

#### 1. Smartphones Changes Your Relationship with Your Child

Electronics often will change the way your relationship works with your child. It is therefore essential to allow bonding between you and your child while they are young before they are introduced to technology. You have to establish your relationship with your child for both of you to grow closer to each other.

#### 2. Smartphones Turns Off Your Child's Creative Mind

Typically, a smartphone will encourage your child to almost turn off their creative mind, letting the tech do all of the work instead. This can be very damaging as they grow older. If you want your child to grow in a way that encourages creativity, keep your child away from the electronics at least until they become a bit older and can find the

#### **3. Smartphones Causes Restlessness**

balance for themselves.

Most importantly, an addiction to technology and smartphones at a young age will cause children to get less sleep and mess up their sleep schedule. It's so crucial for the correct development of the brain that a child gets enough sleep when they need it. A child requires a significant amount of sleep to rest entirely, and it is so important.

#### 4. Smartphones Limits Their Ability To Learn

When a child is continuously using a smartphone or other device, it can distract a child so much it negatively impacts how they act socially and how they develop their learning later on in life.

#### 5. Smartphones Can Be Addictive

Yes, smartphones can become addictive even in a young child. In today's world, this is often where it all begins. Even if a child doesn't know they are addicted, this can lead to more dangerous behaviours that deal with addiction down the road since they've already had that unique sensation that goes hand in hand with addiction.

#### Conclusion

Technology is here to stay which is fantastic, but at such a young age, things are a bit different, and that should be acknowledged. Learning from electronics will become a significant part of their life later, but right now when they are a very young child, it's best to develop real-life skills first before things excel so quickly with the help of the technology around us.

What activities would you do as a young child when you didn't have the technology you had today? Let us know by leaving a comment or by sharing this post!

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# Greater Manchester Food On Our Doorstep

## Good-quality food at a low price

Family Action has launched Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) clubs in Greater Manchester to provide families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste.

It costs just £1 a year for your family to become a member. Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

To become a member you must live or work within 15 minutes of the club.

## Where and when

- Miles Platting Sure Start Centre, Holland Street, Manchester M40 7DA
- Thursdays, 1-3pm

## Find out more

To find out more, please email grtrmanchesterfoodclubs@familyaction.org.uk or phone 0161 245 7007



### www.family-action.org.uk

Family Action Registered as a Charity in England & Wales no: 264713. Family Action Registered as a Charity in the Isle of Man no: 1206.

## **Money Matters**

## **MONEY ADVICE**

Since the coronavirus lockdown, a lot of people have seen their circumstances change, especially seeing a change in income.

Tina Chadwick is here to help you deal with all your benefit problems, debt problems and provide advice on other matters concerning finances.

#### What sort of help is provided?

- To find out what benefits you are entitled to claim.
- To advise and assist with claiming state benefits, including help completing forms and online applications, if required.
- To write letters seeking review and appeal.
- To give budgeting and money advice, including finding the best deal on your fuel supplies and utilities.
- Debt advice including negotiating repayments with creditors on your behalf.
- Advice on the availability of suitable financial services.

To arrange an appointment, or for further information about the service, you can contact Tina in a number of ways:

- Through a referral from your Housing Officer
- Call Tina directly on 0161 203 2605 or 07793186804
- Email christina.chadwick@jigsawhomes.org.uk

## MILES PLATTING SAVERS PART OF THE GM SAVERS NETWORK



No one is likely to travel to the bank to deposit a pound or two, but saving together has encouraged savings group members to put aside small amounts of money for expensive times of the year like Christmas or the new school year.

Savers discuss how they are creating 'a culture of savings' among people who previously never thought of savings because they didn't think they could afford to save. All groups report that their weekly savings meetings and associated activities like meals, fayres, and social events, are helping to reduce social isolation in their community and helping members cope with anxiety and depression. Groups also care for each other and other members of their community.

In September, two savings groups merged together: the original Miles Platting Savers based at Community Grocer at Queensbury Court and the newer group that was meeting at the Parish Church of the Apostles on a Friday. We are now one big family!

#### We would love you to start saving with us!

It's easy you just need to contact Patsy on 07561 700 587 at the Community Grocers or Michelle on 07495 862 890 at the Church of the Apostles. We will post out all the information you need ready to join us at the Community Grocers on Thursdays and from the end of March at The Apostles church on a Friday morning.



### MILES PLATTING SAVERS SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Residents of Miles Platting can apply for a grant up to the value of between £50 and £500 to cover the costs of basic necessities in circumstances of financial hardship. These are not cash grants but the offer is to purchase goods or services on an individual's behalf to help people through a particular period of hardship.

If formal organisations make you nervous, don't worry! We are just a local residents' group and we will keep all your information confidential.

People can self-refer or can be referred by someone who is working with them or supporting them.

Referral is by telephone to any of the following people on the Miles Platting Savers committee:

- Patsy O'Brien: 07561 700 587
- Sue Anya: 07931 120 140
- Dot Lomax: 07808 095 408
- Michelle Charlton: 07495 862 890





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founded in 1628

## **Jobs & Skills**



...we can support you with CVs, job applications, interview preparation, employment advice, universal credit & benefits advice or anything else - just call the **yes** team on the numbers above!

## **Jigsaw Employment & Training Team**

Are you looking for a job, a change in career or have an idea to start a new business? Are you interested in one-to-one advice or accredited and non-accredited training? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact our friendly and dedicated Jigsaw employment & training team who are experienced in all aspects of employment, learning and skills development.

Email: employmentsupport@jigsawhomes.org.uk

## **Job Opportunities**

#### **OFSTED OUTSTANDING NURSERY - Qualified Nursery Staff & Management Required**

Our OFSTED 'OUTSTANDING' nursery, Winstanley Day Nursery, Winstanley Road M40 7WN working in partnership with Manchester City Council to deliver quality early years education to the Miles Platting, Newton Heath, Ancoats &



Collyhurst areas. We now have limited places for members of these communities who are qualified Nursery Practitioners or looking to go into Nursery Management.

We are looking to employ qualified Nursery Practitioners & Managers for some of our other settings in Manchester. Our aim a nursery is to continue to promote the development of quality and skilled labour within our communities.

#### **Hours of Work**

Monday to Friday, 7.30am – 6pm (Shift basis – 7.30 hrs/ 8hrs Management Trainees). Flexibility is a requirement in this post.

#### Location – Manchester

The successful candidate will have a Childcare Level 3. Newly qualified (or about to qualify) candidates are welcome as on-site training and mentor support will also be provided throughout the duration of learning.

#### Job Types: Full-time & Term Time

Starting Salary: £17,374 per annum (Nursery Practitioner) Starting Salary: £20,000 per annum (Management Trainee

To apply send your CV to us on info@wmbchildcare.co.uk or call 0161 205 9067 and ask

for Fifi.



# **Pat's Gardening Corner**

### **DECK YOUR HALL...**

Shops are packed with mountains of plastic flowers sprinkled with glitter and tinsel for us to decorate our house with. But there is nothing nicer than taking a little bit of time to explore the wonderful colour that is being grown for us and which is reaching its peak in Christmas week.

Potted plants make fantastic decorative focal points for hall tables and centrepieces for the family Christmas dinner gathering.

Sticking with the old favourites such a cyclamen, hyacinth, poinsettias, holly and azaleas celebrates the moment and conjures memories of family gatherings of the past.

Potted plants in the depths of winter bring such a sense of cheery joy and can brighten the gloom on a winter's day.

We are well and truly into winter and with that a new page turns in the gardening notebook. So it's time to don a woolly fleece, a warm hat and some sturdy boots and get out there for some serious gardening. Start by...

- Pick a dry day to rake up any remaining leaves
- Clearing away garden debris from gulleys, pathways etc
- Clean and store away and pots that are not frost-proof
- Pull up any prerenal weeds remaining in borders
- Clean and store away any garden furniture in the shed
- Keep an eye on the weather forecast and

cover shrubs that are likely to be damaged by frost with garden fleece, sacking or an old light blanket.

- Leave the old growth of tender plants unpruned over the winter months. This will help to protect the central crown of the plant and take the brunt of any frost damage.
  If plants are cut back hard in autumn new growth could be damaged by frost.
- Jet wash pathways that have become slippery with algae
- Borders require reassessing, soil can do with conditioning and we can plan for colour from winter through to spring.
- For an instant pop of colour for your outdoor pots use Cyclamens, pansies, violas mixed with heathers, they will brighten up the darkest of days.

#### THINKING AHEAD TO SPRING – BULB PLANTING

As gardeners know gardening is all about planning and preparation. Develop a plan, decide what you want – the more the merrier. Bulbs tend to look wonderful in large groups or drifts, they are very easy to grow and most of them just want to be wintered under a blanket of soil till they push up when the days become longer.

There are a few simple rules for planting, generally you place them two to three times their own size deep in soil. They are very easy, but to care for them properly they love a bit of slow release fertilizer to build up the bulb. Plant out now but leave tulip planting until November or December.

## A COUPLE OF GREAT QUESTIONS FROM THE MAIL BAG....

## **Q.** I've emptied my pots which I used for summer planting, what plants could I use that will withstand the cold months?

**A.** Cyclamen, heathers, pansies and violas are great for an instant pop of colour.



**A.** Make use of the frosts we have been having, dig over the soil and let the frost get to work, it will help break up the clay. There is also a product called Clay Breaker which you can purchase at any Garden Centre.

### **BE THE FIRST TO BAG YOUR FREE CHRISTMAS GARDEN GIVEAWAYS\***

There are plenty of winter garden giveaways...

- Bug Hotels
- Scatter and grow pollinating flower seeds (bees and butterflies will love these)
- Hanging bird feeders
- Garden gloves
- Strong garden twine (great for securing plants)
- Garden ties
- Bulb baskets (for ground planting)
- Adjustable pistol nozzle for hose pipe
- Garden trowel
- Kitchen herb garden (3 individual pots of parsley, basil, chives)

(Just ring Jigsaw Homes or email Patrice. campbell@jigsawhomes.org.uk with your name and address for your free giveaway, be quick stocks are limited) \*Jigsaw Homes residents only

Don't forget about our winter wild-life throughout the winter months – encourage birds into your garden by hanging up bird feeders and fat balls – a tasty welcome treat!

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year!



### .....PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Consider your garden as 'AN EXTRA ROOM' - it deserves as much consideration as the inside of your house. Please care for your garden and keep it tidy - IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!



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