

Green Flag Award 2017/18



Saintbridge Allotment Gardens Association (SAGA) and Friends Of Saintbridge Pond (FOSP) received the prestigious Green Flag Award for the Saintbridge Allotments and Balancing Pond. The award is a mark of quality for a park or green space and given to sites that show high horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, community involvement and a warm welcome. This is a huge achievement as only a small percentage of allotment sites in the country receive this award.

The Green Flag for 2017/18 was presented to SAGA and FOSP on the 16th of August. Councillor Richard Cook, said 'These awards are a great recognition of all the volunteer hours and the significant amount of partnership working between many different organisations that make these areas some of the best maintained open spaces in the country.' For the full story see: <http://gloucesternewscentre.co.uk/green-flag-awards-gloucesters-robinswood-saintbridge/>

Due to the efforts of volunteers from SAGA the wildlife habitats around the allotment site have been enhanced with hedgerows, wild flower meadow and Hazel coppice. This together with the wetland and woodland habitats managed by FOSP around the balancing pond makes the whole area a haven for wildlife.

The allotment site brings much enjoyment and a real sense of achievement for so many plotholders. Allotment can have big impacts on people's health and wellbeing and it is important to maintain this site for future generations to enjoy.

SAGA would like to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers and plotholders who, over the years, have helped to make the area what it is today.

