

# **Abundance Update**

## **August 2013**

Fruit picking is now starting in earnest. So I'll be sending out emails regularly to ask who would like to come along.

We normally pick on Wed mornings and Sun afternoons, but this can vary if these times are not convenient for garden owners. We normally have 3-4 people for a pick, as this seems to be the optimum number and some gardens are quite small. So unfortunately there might be times when we have too many volunteers for a pick.

### **Some guidance**

If you are planning to come fruit picking sometime, please have a look at our Fruit Picker's Pledge. It just sets out what we do and don't do and helps give garden owners some confidence in us. Here it is:

## **The Fruit Picker's Pledge**

**I will:**

- 1. In private gardens - only pick fruit with the permission of the owner.**
- 2. In public places - leave half the fruit for other people and the birds.**
- 3. Keep feet on the ground – use fruit picking poles, and not ladders or tree-climbing.**
- 4. Remember to look before stepping + wear stout shoes and old clothes. Picking areas could have rough ground, thorns, broken glass or other sharp objects.**
- 5. Share fruit with the owner, other pickers and the community.**
- 6. Take care not to damage the trees, stand in borders or cause any damage to the public and private environment.**
- 7. Tidy up the area before leaving, removing damaged fruit etc.**

**Treating everyone and everything with respect is central to the success of this project, helping to build trust and neighbourliness across Wimbledon.**

Abundance works through co-operative effort and everyone taking responsibility for their own actions. So please note that when you pick fruit with Abundance, this is at your own risk. Children are very welcome on fruit picks, but must be under the control of a parent or carer.

**Some fruit picking**

If anyone happens to be free this afternoon, I'm planning to pick some mulberries in Raynes Park around 2pm. I'm sorry it's such short notice, but please contact me if you can.

Also, we're planning to go blackberrying this Wed (14th Aug) in the morning, from 10am starting at Garfield Rec. Please let me know if you'd like to come along.