

Tina Sardeson



Tina has been nominated for the 'People's Gardener'. She is RHS trained and works in the village of Potterhanworth and the surrounding areas as a gardener. Tina moved down south with her husband when he got a job as a gardener at Clivedon in Buckinghamshire. She then trained at agricultural college.

Tina has transformed a local allotment from a field put aside by the local farmer to an idyllic place for children to learn about gardening

and nature. Tina has given up weekends to dig it over, and turns up every Friday voluntarily to help run the school gardening club. The allotment now boasts a wildlife area, cut flower area, seasonal vegetable plots, fruit trees, a bog garden, among others. The list is endless; locals say that without her expertise and commitment the children of Potterhanworth C of E primary would not have this fantastic outdoor learning facility. The whole area has been her design and jobs have been delegated to parents by her. For instance building an arch from bamboo twigs, helping with guttering and setting up water butts. The farmer who owned the land even helped put a shelter up.

After school on Fridays, an average of 11 children do the 10 minute walk to the allotment (Tina transports the children's book bags in her trike bike to save them carrying them) and will be there until 4pm. Tina says the children never complain, and knuckle down to work. She is extremely knowledgeable and able and works all weathers, whether it is up trees pruning them and cutting down the ivy on the roof of residents' houses.



