

## Elder Stubbs Charity Allotments



The allotments are located opposite Florence Park on Rymers Lane.

Elder Stubbs Charity Allotments is a community site providing approximately 100 plots of variable size to local people. The site overall is about 12 acres.

2 local charities are also supported who work with some of the more vulnerable members of our community.

In addition The site provides a welcome green oasis in the city with woodland areas, pond, wildflower meadow and orchards amongst the developing habitat areas.

### Elder Stubbs Festival and Vegetable Show

This year we are opening up the Vegetable Show to include growers with allotment plots in the Oxford area. It will be great to share our growing passion with fellow allotment enthusiasts. The Festival attracts usually around 3000 people from our local community and our display helps to showcase positive aspects of what can be produced on allotments.

**This year the show will take place in our event tent which will be approximately 4 metres wide x 6 meters long.** This will be on the lawn area in front of the Restore buildings. Restore Education have taken over the room that we previously used for the show.



The Festival is a great family occasion with many local people attending and in the past there have been lots of stalls selling interesting items, community groups advocating for causes that they are wanting to support, a number of groups and musicians performing on 2 stages, face painting, drumming, raptor displays, multicultural food, circus acts, swing boats.



Car parking early morning will be possible on Rymers Lane, although the road will get very busy nearer to Festival start time at noon. **Entries for the show will need to be carried about 100 yards.** Later in the day you could try car parking in nearby streets or in the Templar Square shopping centre car park over 4 Hrs £2.60 (5-10 min. walk).

What is described does vary from year to year depending on availability of stall holders wanting to take part.

This Festival is organised by Restore and they work hard to convey what their charitable work promotes in supporting members of our community recovering from mental illness. There is also planned to be workshops discussing mental health issues.

If you wish to collect your entries from the show please do so after 4pm and before the auction at 4.30pm. I can let you know your show outcome and pass on any awards or prize afterwards if your details are provided.

**Note: If you would like to participate it would be helpful if you could let me know to anticipate numbers. My contact details are below at the bottom of the page.**

Elder Stubbs Charity Allotments - Our 2 main supported charities:

**Restore** is a mental health charity working towards providing recovery and coaching support to people with mental health problems whilst working with the whole community to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.

Restore has a number of buildings by the main entrance including a canteen, offices, wood workshop and shop which is open to the public. They also grow crops on about 2 acres of the site. The produce is used in the canteen, for sale and to make preserves.

For more information about Restore: <http://www.restore.org.uk>

**The Porch – Steppin’ Stones** provides day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move forward in their lives, away from street-life and addiction. Steppin’ Stones has a spacious shed and grow crops on about an acre of the site. Their produce goes predominantly to their kitchen which provides 2 meals a day to their members. They also make jams and pickles.

For more information about The Porch – Steppin Stones: <http://www.theporch.org.uk>

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