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Subject:	Survey on Allotments in Vale of Glamorgan
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Dear Community and Town Council Clerks.

I am contacting you as I am currently carrying out a mapping project on behalf of Food Vale and I need your help!

Social Farms & Gardens has been commissioned by Food Vale (the Vale's local food partnership) to conduct some mapping of community food growing spaces across the Vale. This work aligns with the draft Vale Food Strategy 2024-2030 (in development), in which one of the key outcomes is that 'People in the Vale will have more opportunities to grow their own fruit and vegetables, cook and eat together'. It will also contribute to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Project Zero Climate Challenge Plan 2021-2030, which commits to "work with local communities to increase the number of allotments and community garden space".

I am in the process of putting together a quick survey to get an idea of what allotment sites and community growing spaces you are aware of and to get some basic information about them. The information we collect will be compiled into a report and then presented at a workshop in March. As mentioned above, this work will outline what can be done to encourage more people to get involved in food growing in one form or another in the Vale of Glamorgan.

I will be contacting each of you by telephone over the next 2 weeks to go through the survey. If you'd rather have the survey link emailed to you to complete, please reply as soon as possible and I will send it over to you.

The timescales are very tight so I'd be grateful if you could complete the survey by **Friday 21st February at the latest.**

SAVE THE DATE – We are planning a workshop on to present the findings of the mapping exercise and to discuss what the next steps could be:

WHERE: The Gallery, 2 Broad St, Barry CF62 7AA
WHEN: Friday 21st March 2025
TIME: 10.30 – 12.30

Refreshments will be provided. An official invite will be sent out a little closer to the time but please save the date.

Your co-operation in this is much appreciated!

Best wishes

Lisa Williams

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