



Top Tips for Photographing Your School Allotment

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Taking the right photograph and using it effectively can really help a school allotment to send the right message and gain support



Tip 1 - Steady Hands

Keep your camera steady! Crisp and clear photos will help enhance your beautiful allotment, and look professional too. Using something to lean on whilst taking a photo will help, you don't need an expensive tripod! Try to keep your camera at a straight angle - don't tilt it to try and get everything in as this can make it harder to look at.



Tip 2 - Photo Orientation

In general, landscape mode is best for taking photos as this will fit more into the photo and will show up better if viewed on a computer screen. Always use landscape mode when taking videos!



Tip 3 - Depth

Use both your foreground and background. Taking photos that have objects near the camera and farther away create depth and interest.

Tip 4 - Close Ups

Take close ups. Picking out interesting elements of your allotment and photos will highlight all the work that goes into it that otherwise gets lost.



Tip 5 - Plenty of Digging!

Show people (especially young people) hard at work! Allotments are places for people to connect, spend time together and work the land so try to capture that in your photos.





Tip 6 - A Photo Journey

Take before and after photos. People love nothing more than to see how you got to where you are now. Taking photos at the beginning and during your projects can perfectly show how much hard work it's taken to transform your plot of land.



Tip 7 - Happy Faces!

Show people being happy! Green spaces bring joy to young people and adults, so make sure to take photos of people having fun or smiling as well as working hard!



Tip 8 - Tweaking

It's super easy to edit photos these days and anyone can do it! If you intend to post your photos on social media, a few simple tweaks using your smartphone or computer can make them stand out. Most 'gallery' sections on your phone will have a little edit button – you don't have to be super tech savvy to enhance your photos, just try increasing the contrast slightly and adjusting the brightness to make them more vibrant.

Tip 9 - Take lots!

You can never take too many photos! Capturing the journey of a space into a beautiful allotment is a brilliant way of learning and reflecting for young people and adults alike.

Tip 10 - Share!

Share your photos! Social media is a great way to get the word out about your allotment project. Using photos, you can celebrate all the hard work that's gone into it.

