

## **'Family Gardens' to start in South Petherton**

There's no doubt about it, this year more people than ever will be experiencing the excitement of growing their own produce. Allotments and gardens, patios and terraces are buzzing with activity, as novices from all walks of life catch the planting bug.

Everywhere the demand for allotments is increasing and in many towns and villages where councils once had to go out and search for takers, allotment committees are overwhelmed by the demand, and are looking for new areas to open up.



Brian and Denise Herrick, of Barcroft Hall in South Petherton are clearing three acres of derelict land for a 'Family Gardens' scheme.

This area will be an environmental model insists Brian, it will be used for the production of food and the education of younger generations by older more experienced folk. The aim is to recycle knowledge which we are calling 'Vegetation Education'.

Fundamentally it will be a vegetable production area for individual families and areas that are shared for the production of fruit and homeopathic herbs, and later for the small scale rearing of livestock.

We hope to be able to provide all the necessary environment for this to thrive.

In addition the economics will be taken into consideration allowing families to trade produce and sell produce to locals.