

## **France: Cabestany (Pyrénées-Orientales)**

The allotment gardeners and their social commitment.

The benevolent members from the "Secours populaire" (Charity organisation giving help to the poor) and the leader of the social centre Maison des quartiers (the house of the living quarters) come once a week to the allotment gardens in order to collect the excess of fruit and vegetables, which they get from the allotment gardeners. The harvested fruit and vegetables are then distributed as food packages. The allotment garden association of Cabestany worked together with the charity organisation and the social centre for the summer period up to last October.

We can bet that this nice initiative will be continued in 2014.

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A similar project is led by the allotment garden association "De Hoge Weide" in Utrecht who has cooperation with the food bank of Utrecht as well as by the Belgian allotment gardeners from the allotment site "De Hoeve" in the province of Limbourg (Flanders)