

Allotment gardeners, gardens and health

Luxembourg: Elderly people should feel at home in the flower garden

On a ground of 7 acres the newly laid out flowergarden of the „Hôpital intercommunal“ (hospital) in Steinfort was officially inaugurated some months ago.

Both the president of the local „Syndicat d’Initiative“ and the mayor Guy Pettinger thanked above all the allotment garden association of Hagen for its financial support. The money was collected thanks to the organisation of a 4.00 o’clock coffee shop with tombola at the occasion of the „Bazar de Bienfaisance“.

Régine Arnold of the hospital’s executive board explained that the garden offered a possibility to the elderly and the visitors of the community centre to feel like in their own garden years ago. Having the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the garden together with others and with all the senses stimulates elderly people’s readiness to communicate. She thanked the technical services, which under the direction of Patrick Hausemer, created a garden complying with all required rules in an extremely short time.

Josette Godart, president of the allotment garden association of Hagen assured that the local section will continue to financially support this project over the next years. After the unveiling of the commemorative plaque Jean Kieffer, president of the national allotment garden federation, underlined the social engagement of the association of Hagen which merits praise and recognition.