## World Soil Day 2024

Even if it goes without saying that soil is essential for us allotment gardeners, today's World Soil Day must not go unnoticed by the allotment garden family.

It is true that without soil we could not fulfil our passion - gardening - but soil is of such fundamental importance to our ecosystem that it is worth a closer look. Soil is a storehouse of nutrients, the foundation for food production, a place of biodiversity, carbon storage and



protection of our drinking water resources. Due to these diverse and (vital) properties, it is obvious that our soil needs special protection.

We allotment gardeners have been making an invaluable contribution in this area for a long time. By working, planting and caring for the soil, we ensure that it can fulfil its many functions. In times of climate change, in times of extreme events such as heavy rain, storms and heat, it is more important than ever that it can do this.

Let us therefore be particularly aware today that unsealed, pesticide-free soil is not only a benefit for the individual allotment gardener but is also of crucial importance with regard to climate change.

As allotment garden families, let us do our bit to ensure that the soil continues to nourish and protect us in the future.