



Welcome to the 2013, and let's hope we have better weather than we did in 2012.

### **Membership Cards**

If you haven't already received your membership card, please contact Sue Scrivener and she will arrange to hand it over to you.

Springfields have agreed to give us 10% discount on purchases again this year; please present your membership card to them. If we do negotiate discounts with any other local businesses we shall let you know.

### **Locks and Gates**

Please do not remove the padlocks from the gates. If you forget the number code, please contact one of the Committee members. The number on the padlocks will change on 4 March and Sue will provide you with the new code at the same time as passing on your membership card. If you already have your membership card Sue will send you a separate e-mail with the new code. If you find the new code hasn't been set up on 4 March, please try the old one.

Please keep the gates shut at all times to prevent the rabbits getting in.

### **Water**

Please bear in mind that the water is metered, and we shall be keeping an eye on the amount of water used in order to monitor the cost. If you are aware of a water leak/damaged taps please notify one of the Committee members immediately. Not surprisingly the water bill was low last year, but we shall monitor usage should we have an especially dry summer.

The water supply will be switched on around 31 March. It is usually switched off around 31 October.

You may use hoses with sprinkler attachments, but they must be hand held and not left unattended.

### **Trees**

Please remember that you will need written consent from the Association to plant fruit trees/bushes that need more than 12 months to mature.

### **Sheds and Greenhouses**

You need written consent from the Association to erect a structure which is up to 1.8m x 1.2m x 1.95m high. However, you can place temporary toolboxes, cold frames and compost bins which are lower than 1.2m without consent. Sheds/greenhouses should be erected on the southern edge of your plot (ie the entrance side) and should not shade your neighbours plot.

### **Compost Bins**

If you would like to build compost bins, please contact Linzi Spong as she has a ready source of pallets if you would like to use them.

### **Notices**

Any news will be posted on the notice board and where possible we will pass on news via e-mail.

### **Manure**

Please help yourself to manure if you would like it on a first come, first served basis.

### Tidy-up Dates

We will have tidy-up days on the following dates:

April 20 at 2.00 pm (this will include pumpkin seed planting for the children)  
May 19 at 10.00 am  
June 22 at 2.00 pm (this will include a barbecue and pumpkin planting – details TBC)  
July 21 at 10.00 am  
August 17 at 2.00 pm  
September 22 at 10.00 am  
October 19 at 2.00 pm

### Cultivation of Plots

Please remember that under the terms of the Tenancy Agreement, 75% of your plot should be cultivated between April and September and should be kept reasonably free of weeds. You should be aware that there is a risk that you could lose your plot if you do not meet this requirement.

### Windbreak

Last year's trial of the windbreak proved very effective, so we have decided to extend it along the rest of the plots on the west (left hand) side of the plots. If you are on plots 1 – 8 and have a shed or anything else which sits or is leaning against on the fence line, please move it to within your plot (ie 1' from the fence) as we will need to get along the fence line in order to put in posts and fix the windbreak.

*Finally, If you are the last to leave the allotments ....*

Please can you make sure that the gates are shut, and the padlocks secured behind you.

Please ensure that all the taps are turned off.

Happy gardening!

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If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

These allotments have been set up by Kingsley Parish Council with support from several organisations. The Big Lottery and Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund have between them provided more than three quarters of the funding. Further funding has come from East Hampshire District Council (Community Initiative Fund and Developers Contributions) and from Hampshire County Council (Community Challenge fund and the District Councillor).