



Welcome to the Kingsley Allotments!

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).

This pack includes the plot layout showing your plot, an article which will be in the March edition of the Kings World, a membership card and the code for the locks on the gates.

The paths around the plots are uneven – please take care. We shall look to have a working party to help smooth the paths out towards the summer, subject to the weather.

Locks

Please do not remove the padlocks from the gates. If you forget the number code, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Committee members. The code will be changed in January each year.

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. At this stage we anticipate that we have budgeted enough to cover our first year's water bill, however, we may have to pass the costs on to allotment holders if demand is higher than expected. If you are aware of a water leak/damaged taps please notify one of the Committee members immediately.

The water supply will be switched off between 1 October and 31 March.

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.

Manure

This is for everyone to use. Please help yourself to up to 5 barrow loads of manure in a few weeks time (after it has rotted down).

Compost Bins

A large numbers of pallets have been left for us to use by Mick Spong - if you would like to build compost bins, please help yourself. If they have run out when you come to build your bins, please contact Linzi.

Membership Cards

We hope to be able to get discounts from local businesses, and will notify you when and if we do. In the event that we do, please present your membership card to them.

Living Leaves

Living Leaves will be hosting an evening on 1 March at The Cricketers at 8.00 pm. They will be giving helpful advice on getting started on the plots, and will answer any questions you might have.

Notices

Any news will be posted on a notice board which will be placed at the entrance to the site, and where possible we will pass on news via e-mail. We are planning to have a website up and running soon, where we will also post notices.

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.