



KINGSLEY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

2014



Happy new year to everyone, and let's hope we have a productive year again this year!

Membership Cards

If you paid your membership fees James will have left your membership card in the noticeboard for you to collect. We will only issue them if we have received your fees so this is a reminder to pay for those of you who haven't yet done so. Please note that this year two membership cards have been issued per plot, and they don't have your name on, only your plot number.

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. As we have lost a couple of members this year we will be changing the codes on the gates. They will be changed over the weekend of 1 February, at which time James will send on the new code. If you find the new code hasn't been set up, please try the old one. Please do not pass the new code on to anyone.

When you undo the padlock, please tumble the numbers, and close the gates behind you to stop 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. The water bill was relatively low last year in spite of the dry summer (and hosepipe ban), but we still need to be aware of usage.

The water supply will be switched on around the weekend of 30 March. We will put a notice on the notice board confirming the date that it will be turned on.

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.

Tidy-up Dates

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

18 May at 10.30
15 June at 10.30
19 July at 2.30
17 August at 10.30
20 September at 2.30

Please bring any cutting tools you have for the tidy up days: strimmers, hedge trimmers, shears, secateurs.

We would like to see as many of you as possible, if you can make it. Many hands make light work

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

Please do not lean anything against the windbreak.

Rodents and Rabbits

We continue to have problems with rabbits and rats/mice and have caught a number of rats this year. Please keep your plot clear and take any wanted and unwanted produce home with you so that the rats can't feast on it. Alternatively you could take it to the Kingsley Centre who will use it for their lunches.

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).