



KINGSLEY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

2015

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

Farewell Sue!

Sue Scrivener has moved to Norfolk and so has resigned from the Allotment Association. Sue was a founder member of the Association in 2011 and was the Secretary until 2014, when she became Chairman. We wish her well and thank her for all her work helping to organise and set up the Allotment Association.

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.

As you know Springfields Garden Centre gave us a 10% discount but unfortunately they closed last year. This year **Mill Lane Farm Shop in Headley** (GU35 0PB) has agreed to give us 10% discount on purchases connected with growing; 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. We will be changing the codes on the gates over the weekend of 1 March and James will send out the new codes to all members who have paid their rents for this year. 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 when you enter the site 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 supply will be switched on around the weekend of 28 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 neighbouring plots.

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:

Sunday 17th May at 10.30 am
Sunday 21st June at 10.30 am
Sunday 19th July at 10.30 am
Sunday 16th August at 10.30 am
Sunday 20th September at 10.30 am

On 17 May we hope to put up some more windproof fencing, so if you have a post basher this would be very useful on that day; as well other tools such as 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

Rabbits, rats, mice and moles are attracted to allotments! Please keep your plot clear and take any wanted and unwanted produce home with you so that the little creatures 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 water 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).