



2016

Happy New Year to everyone, and here's hoping we have a productive year!

Membership Cards

If you paid your membership fees James will leave 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. Two membership cards have been issued for each plot again this year with only your plot number shown on the card.

Your membership card can be used to get a 10% discount on all growing materials and plants at **Mill Lane Farm Shop in Headley** (GU35 0PB) and 15% discount on gardening materials at the **Chocolate Frog Company in Oakhanger** (GU35 9JA). If we are able to negotiate discounts with any other local businesses we will 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 5th 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 keep an eye on the amount of water used in order to monitor the cost. So far costs have been within our budget – but then it has rained a lot in recent years! If you are aware of a water leak or damaged taps please notify one of the Committee members immediately.

The water supply will be switched on around the weekend of 26th 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 that is up to 1.8m x 1.2m x 1.95m high. However, you can place temporary toolboxes, cold frames and compost bins that 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.

Tidy-up Dates

3rd Sunday of each month at 10am, from April to September

We hope to see you at these events. Members of the Committee will be there at these times to inspect the site and will be on hand to discuss any matters with you.

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 fencing around the allotment site.

Rodents and Rabbits (and Rubbish)

Rabbits, rats, mice and moles are attracted to allotments!

Please keep your plot clear by taking all produce and rubbish home with you so that the little creatures can't feast on it or use it to build nests.

This also helps to keep the site looking tidy and cared for.

Excess Produce and Holidays

Many of you grow an abundance of produce and it is a pity if this goes to waste especially if you happen to be away during the harvest season!

If you would like to share your excess produce with another allotment association member, please feel free to put a notice on the notice board (with your plot number and produce available for harvesting).

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.

If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Allotment Association Committee (details below).

Happy growing!

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Updated Allotment Association Website

The Allotment Association website has been updated and is now hosted by the Parish Council's webserver.

Please go to the website kingsleyparishcouncil.org and click the link to Allotments.

Allotment Association Constitution

Addendum 1 to Kingsley Allotment Association Constitution

Nov 2015

At the AGM meeting on 7 Nov 2015 the wording was agreed for an update to the rules relating to authorisation of expenditure. This is to allow the Association to use internet banking for payment of bills and invoices.

This change relates to the rule under Section G 1) of the Constitution dated 22 Nov 2009. It was agreed that this section should now read:-

G. Money

1) Funds must be held in the Kingsley Allotment Association bank account. When making payment by cheque 2 committee members will be required to sign. When payment is made via the association's Internet Banking service only one committee member will authorise the payment.