



KINGSLEY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



June 2017

Here's hoping all is growing well after the rather dry start to the year.

Committee Meeting

The Committee held a meeting on 17th May. It was decided that there are a few things to tell Association members and a summer newsletter should be published.

Membership Cards

We only issued one card per plot for this year, but some of you have said that having two membership cards would be useful.

Perhaps you could let a committee member know if you would like to have two cards so we can issue two per plot for 2018.

Water

It has been a dry start to the year and we anticipate more water than average will be used this year.

Unless the water authority issues a hosepipe ban then hoses with sprinkler attachments can continue to be used, but they must be hand held and not left unattended.

Uncultivated Plots

The Committee recently inspected the site and noted that 2 or 3 plots do not appear to have been worked on so far this year.

The tenancy agreements for the plots says that more than 75% of a plot should be cultivated between April and September and should be kept reasonably free of weeds.

It would be appreciated if owners of plots that do not currently meet these criteria could let a committee member know what their intentions are for the plot.

The Committee takes a fairly lenient view of uncultivated plots if there is a good reason why it has been difficult for the owner to maintain it temporarily. However, we do have to make sure that weeds and seeds from untended plots do not interfere with adjacent plots.

The Committee will be inspecting the site again in July.

Plot Boundaries and External Fencing

The committee will be replacing some of the lost or rotting plot boundary markers and number posts in the next few weeks.

Please can plot holders respect these boundaries.

Tenancy agreements say owners must maintain the plot at all times within the prescribed boundaries and not to extend the area of the plot beyond those boundaries.

Particularly for plots near the perimeter deer proof fencing, the Allotment Association policy states that *Plots 1-14 and 25 should be cultivated up to half a metre (50 cm) from the perimeter fence. Where the Association has erected wind-break fencing inside the perimeter fence no items or plants should touch or lean on this fencing.*

The Association policies, rules and regulations can be found on the allotment website

<http://www.kingsleyparishcouncil.org/allotments-apply.php>

Tidy-up Dates

3rd Sunday of each month at 10.30am, from March to September

The next dates are Sunday 18th June and 16th July.

On 16th July the Committee will be holding an on-site committee meeting and site inspection. If you have any matters you want to talk to committee members about, then that could be a good opportunity to meet them.

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

Happy Growing!