

Bognor Regis Town Council

Allotments

WINTER 2018

NEWSLETTER



WATER MATTERS!

Water will now be turned off until Spring 2019

On the original site this Summer there was a 600% increase in water usage. We have checked the site for leaks and none were found. We know it was a hot dry Summer but this level of water consumption is not sustainable. From October 2019 your annual rent bill will also contain a water surcharge. This will be put aside to pay for any abnormally high bills. We will keep the surcharge as low as possible.

Water is a resource we cannot afford to squander. We would ask you to be more careful with watering in future, using a watering can in preference to a hose and **NEVER** leaving a hose running unattended on your plot.

We recommend the use of water butts to conserve water by allowing the use of watering cans over hoses.

PADLOCKS AND SECURITY

We have had reports of padlocks being left open on the gates. Padlocks on the gates are for your security. Please ensure you lock gates after you have entered or left the allotments and do not give the code to anyone.



TOOL BANK

With the help of the Tenant Reps we are starting a new initiative, a Tool Bank. For some new tenants setting up costs mean they cannot afford tools to begin to tend their allotment immediately. Any unwanted tools can be donated to the Tool Bank and will be used to provide a start for anyone who needs it. Once they are able to buy their own tools they can return the loaned tools ready for another person to borrow. If you have any unwanted tools please see the Reps or contact us on 01243 867744.

ALLOTMENT WAITING LIST

Priority will be given to residents of the Wards of Bognor Regis regardless of whether or not they are an existing plotholder.



BONFIRES

When clearing the plot in Autumn and Winter you may wish to have a bonfire. Short, sharp bonfires are permitted for the disposal of green waste only. **All other rubbish should be taken away and disposed of off-site.** Bonfires should be put out on leaving the site and tenants should be mindful of smoke in a residential area.

PLEASE RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOURS



RENTS 2018/19

Thank you to those who sent in payment for 2018/19 rent promptly.

Receipts for those who have not already had them are attached.

Welcome also to all the new plot holders.



KEY AMNESTY

The keyed padlocks were replaced in March 2015 by combination padlocks. **If you have not already done so please return your key by 31st March 2019 as after this date you will not be refunded your deposit.**



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

Thank you to those who attended the AGM and congratulations to the prizewinners.

New Tenant Reps were appointed to the original site, Graham Delury (plot 14b) and Jim Yeomans (plots 13a and 14a).

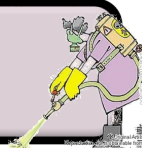
Thank you to the outgoing Reps for all your work and assistance over the past year.

The Reps on the re-established site will continue to be Louise Russell (plots 104-108) and Sharon Trodd (plots 46-48 and 84).

The Minutes of the AGM are included with this Newsletter for your information.



PLEASE NOTE: THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEEDKILLER AND PESTICIDES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE ALLOTMENTS




WINTER MAINTENANCE

May we remind everyone that plots must be kept tidy and well maintained over the Winter period and not be allowed to get overgrown. Site visits will continue over this period. Can we also ask that those with sheds and greenhouses keep a check following periods of high winds with any damage attended to promptly.

You are all responsible for keeping the edges and paths around your plots cut and tidy. There are a lot of plots at the moment that have overgrown edges and paths. This is not acceptable please ensure that these are attended to.



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