

# Bognor Regis Town Council



## Allotments SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



### THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

At a recent site visit the Deputy Clerk and Sub-Committee Clerk were so impressed at how tidy and well cultivated most of the plots were in spite of the strange year we had last year. Thank you to those of you who helped each other to keep plots tidy during lockdown which will have enabled the plot holder to start this year in a good place. We all hope that as this year goes on we can all get back to normal as much as possible.



### SLUGS AND SNAILS



Last year the government announced sales of Metaldehyde, a pesticide used to control slugs in a range of crops and in gardens, are to be banned from June.

Chemical means of pest control are **not allowed** on the Allotments, but we are aware slug pellets have been used.

Please consider an ecological alternative. Products using diatomaceous earth will stop slugs and snails crossing the application. Products such as Feed & Fortify or Diatom powder used in poultry houses are effective even after rain but completely harmless to animals and humans.

More information here:

<https://www.allotment-garden.org/garden-diary/6467/mystery-weed-slugs-snails-the-movie/#.XTbevq5ykkA.link>

### TENANT REPRESENTATIVES 2021

Due to Covid we were unable to have the usual tenants meeting in October. We hope to be able to hold this meeting this year but this depends on any restrictions on crowds indoors. At the Annual Meeting tenants can nominate and vote for two tenants to become their representatives for the year. The Rep's role is to represent the plot holders to the Council

As we were not able to meet last year the existing Reps kindly agreed to continue their role. We have since had one resignation on the Original site. Thankfully, Mr Colin Penfold (plot 7A) one of our previous and experienced Reps has kindly agreed to act as Rep until the meeting in October.

**PATHS AND EDGES** Don't forget to keep paths and edges clear and cut or mown. If your plot is on the outside of the site next to the perimeter fence you should keep at least a metre away from the fence. Sheds or materials leant against the fence acts as a step for intruders, can damage the fence and means Town Force cannot trim and clear weeds from the fence line.





## BONFIRES AND BBQs

**BBQs are permitted but must be disposed of off-site and fully extinguished after use. Arun District Council are still advising no bonfires and we would ask you to adhere to this.**

## WATER



Water will be turned on until Autumn. Please use water carefully during dry periods. You may use a hose whilst on the allotment but **MUST NOT** leave it running unattended. The Rules on using hoses state:

"Hosepipes - You are not permitted to leave a hose pipe with running water unmanned"

**PLEASE NOTE: Watering cans are to take priority**

**Hoses must be disconnected from the tap and stored on the plot or in a shed when not in use.**



There were a lot of dandelions in flower on the Allotments when we visited. Please clear these before they go to seed. Did you know you can make vegan dandelion honey with the flowers?

### Ingredients

- 1 qt. water
- 100 medium to large dandelion flower heads (about 3.5 oz.)
- 2 apples, cored and cut into chunks
- ¼ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice or less
- Pinch salt
- 3 1/2 cups white or light-brown cane sugar
- 1 bunch (30 to 40 flower heads) edible, aromatic flowers, optional



### Instructions

Pour the water into a pot and add the dandelion heads, apples, lemon juice, and salt. Cover and boil gently for 20 to 30 minutes.

Strain out the flowers and apples, saving the liquid in a pan. Pour in the sugar and simmer on low, uncovered, for several hours until reaching a honey-like consistency. Stir occasionally during the first hour.

Remove from heat and pour into containers.

Makes about 3 cups

Recipe courtesy of and adapted from Plant Pusher.

**If you do not understand anything in this newsletter please contact us**



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