

Spring 2024



# Allotments Newsletter

## News in Brief

### LOST & FOUND

I still have an unclaimed pair of glasses on my desk that were found in the shelter on the Re-Established Site in October. If you want them back please let me know, otherwise they will be disposed of.

### WATER

Has now been turned on! New tenants may wish to familiarise themselves with the rules on hosepipes and tap use to ensure everyone gets fair access.

### YOUR NEW TENANT REPS

Two nominations were received by the end of January, and Paul Goodchild (Plots 14B/19A) and Phil Fortin (Plots 36-38) have been appointed as your newest Tenant Reps. A full list can be found at the end of this newsletter.

## The Year Ahead

Spring has finally arrived, and with it hopefully some more settled weather!

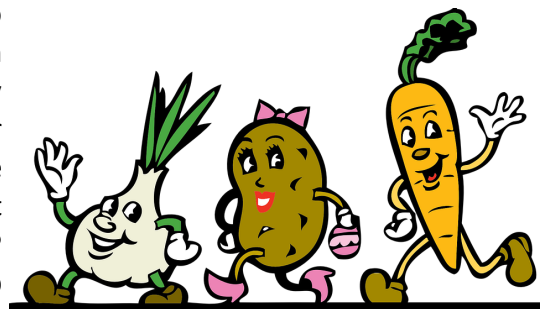
With very little of interest taking place over the winter months (aside from the regular flooding), this will be a brief newsletter looking forward to what the year ahead has on offer.

Firstly, I have been making a start on improving the allotments section of the Town Council's website. It's a slow work in progress, but I've attempted to streamline it more, added in some photos of your lovely plots from last year, and added a newsletter archive. I plan on making more improvements to improve the appearance and make it a more useful resource.

The Bognor Regis in Bloom 2024 Competition is now live and open for entries. The Working Group is very keen to continue working closer with you, our wonderful allotments tenants, and wish to extend an invitation to you all to enter this year's competition. You will have received an entry form with this newsletter.

And speaking of In Bloom, the plans for this year's Awards Evening is to once again join up with the Allotments Awards as a combined event. Taking on board feedback received from you all following last year's event, the Working Group is considering ways in which more of you can be involved this year; I will be sure to update you all in future newsletters on how this pans out.

Meanwhile, I am also keen to increase positive interaction with our tenants and if you have any ideas for fun little competitions or activities during the year, please let me know! Grow the tallest sunflower? Biggest pumpkin? Funniest-shaped veg? Clean-up days? All ideas welcome.



With best wishes,

Martin Greenfield, Allotments & In Bloom Officer

## Ready for the Growing Season?

With the growing season now well and truly here, I plan on making more regular inspections and ensuring everything is all as it should be, and so you may wish to brush up on your tenancy agreement and information leaflet. If there is anything you don't understand, please let me know.

The waiting list has decreased by around a third since I took on this role in September 2023, but is still rather long and more applications flowing in on a regular basis. All plots on both sites have been let, and so it is important that everyone makes the best use of their plots in the interests of fairness to those on the waiting list (and your fellow tenants). If for any reason you are struggling to maintain your plot up to standard, speak to your Reps (details below) so something can be sorted.

## Meeting Dates for 2024

The 2024 meeting calendar, as it relates to allotments, is as follows. All meetings are open to the public, where you can put questions to the Committee Members.

### Allotments Sub-Committee

17<sup>th</sup> June at 17:30

4<sup>th</sup> November at 17:30

### Environmental and Leisure Committee (to which the Sub-Committee reports)

20<sup>th</sup> May at 18:30

15<sup>th</sup> July at 18:30

9<sup>th</sup> September at 18:30

4<sup>th</sup> November 18:30

## Tenant Representatives 2023-2024

Your Tenant Representatives are your first point of contact if you have any concerns or questions.

### Re-established site:

Louise Russell (Plot 104)

Phil Fortin (Plots 36-38)

### Original site:

Colin Penfold (Plot 7a)

Paul Goodchild (Plots 14B/19A)

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