

Bognor Regis Town Council

ALLOTMENT NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION FROM THE NEW ALLOTMENT & IN BLOOM OFFICER

Hello everyone.

My name is Steve Davis and I am the recently appointed Allotment & In Bloom Officer for the Town Council.

I have already met a few of you and I am sure I will meet many more of you over the coming months.

I will aim to be at the allotment once a fortnight to carry out health & safety inspections, ensure plots are properly maintained and to welcome new tenants.

However, what I am really looking forward to is admiring all your fruit, vegetables and flowers and getting tips for my own garden.

In general I have been impressed by the standards you maintain on your plots but there are a number of areas that need to be improved and I have listed those elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Please note I work part-time and I am in the office every Wednesday and Thursday.

Cheers

Steve

TENANT REPRESENTATIVES

Your reps are:

Gravits Lane (Original) site:

Mr. Graham Delury (Plot 14b)

Mr. Colin Penfold (Plot 7a)

Sandringham Way (Re-established) site:

Mrs. Louise Russell (Plot 104)

Mr. Scott Slater (Plot 45)

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

ANNUAL AWARDS

The last Annual Awards were in 2019.

The Allotments Sub-Committee have agreed that annual awards will be reinstated this year. As a reminder, and for the benefit of new tenants, the awards are for:

- ⇒ The Roy Gristwood Shield for Best use of a plot
- ⇒ Most improved plot on each site
- ⇒ Best kept plot Original Site
- ⇒ Best kept plot Re-established site: The Sharon Stubbings Award

All plots are entered automatically and judging will take place in July/August 2022.

The winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Event which is planned for October 2022.

REMINDER OF PLOT-HOLDERS OBLIGATIONS:

Whilst the majority of plot-holders are maintaining their plots in accordance with their Tenancy Agreement and the Allotment Guidelines we do have a number of areas of concern which include:

- ⇒ Trees must NOT exceed a height of 8ft or 2.5m. This is to stop the shading of neighbouring plots. So please prune your trees at the earliest opportunity.
- ⇒ Plants should not OVERHANG fences or footpaths. So please prune accordingly. Similarly, do NOT take it upon yourself to prune back vegetation on other tenant's plots. Speak to the tenant or your representative if you feel there is vegetation causing problems.
- ⇒ Rubbish. Please take away YOUR rubbish. This includes garden waste that is not being placed in a purpose built compost heap or compost bin.
- ⇒ Health & Safety. REMOVE all broken glass, damaged greenhouses and other hazards. Also please do not leave out tools on your plot.
- ⇒ Fences & hedges. All tenants with plots along the allotment boundary are required to keep the boundary clear of any obstructions including long grass. This is to enable Town Force access to cut hedges, maintain fences etc. NOTHING should be placed against the fences.
- ⇒ Cultivation. You must keep your plot free of weeds and plot edges tidy. I understand that the pandemic has made life difficult and has meant many of you have had less opportunity to attend to your plots. However, now is the time to get all the plots under cultivation as failure to do so will result in you receiving formal "Notice to Cultivate" letters.
- ⇒ Produce Theft. There are reports of produce being taken from plots. This is both illegal and against the ethics of what allotments stand for. Any tenants caught taking produce from other plots without permission will have their Agreement terminated immediately.

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



FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALLOTMENT TENANTS

If you are on Facebook come and find your own page at Bognor Regis Town Council, Allotments. Swap information, ask for help, share hints and tips and more. This is for current tenants ONLY <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1337966646370108/>



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