



Kingsclere Allotment Management Group Newsletter May 2018



Welcome.

The Kingsclere Allotment Management Group would like to welcome all new plot holders.

We have had a few warm, sunny days and with the rain, things are starting to grow and germinate at last. The Group had a meeting last week and want to share the information that was discussed.

Spring Clean held on 24 March 2018

A huge thank you to all those who helped out. We were able to clear plot 1C of a massive amount of accumulated rubbish and it is now available to be re-let.

Allotment Competition, Children's "Sunflower Challenge" and Summer Picnic 2018 – Now Autumn Harvest Picnic and Plot Marker Creative Challenge

We have decided to change things up a bit this year and have an Autumn Harvest Picnic on Saturday 8 September 1-3pm. Bring a plate of food to share. We aren't going to have a formal competition this year, however, as it is now your responsibility to mark your own plots, we want challenge you all for the most creative plot marker. A prize will be given to the best one at the picnic.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It has been suggested that we have a formal meeting for all Plot holders once a year. This would be held during the quiet winter months in the New Year. Any feedback on this would be useful. It will most likely be held in the Village Club one evening.

Fundraising for a 3rd water trough.

We are now looking to apply for grants and funding from local charities.

Existing Water troughs

The maintenance of these is ongoing. The leak to the one on Row 1 will be repaired asap. The lids to both are in poor condition. If we want to retain the lids then we need to repair them ourselves or they will have to be removed. If anyone has the skills and time to renew/repair them, please let us know.

Helpful information

The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners have a useful website and growing advice. The Parish Council is also a member of this Society.
<https://www.nsalg.org.uk>

Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies (HFHS) [hantsfedhortsoc.org.uk](https://www.hantsfedhortsoc.org.uk)
Is another good source of information especially local events and plants sales.

Kingsclere Gardening Association. Membership is only £8 per year. There are free talks at the Village Club once a month during the winter and three Flower/Produce shows; April, July and August. There are exclusive classes for Kingsclere residents and children (who are free to enter). For more information contact Diana Tait, 01635 298494

Plant Sale – FOSM and KGA, St Mary's Churchyard, Kingsclere, Saturday 19 May 9.30am. There are posters up already for this event. If you have any left over plants/seedlings, please bring them along to this charity event.

Compost. I have had a delivery of compost that can be seen on my plot 1A. If you would like a load, it is only £55 with free delivery. There is a limited supply, so once it's gone, it's gone. Contact Matt Bradley on 07443 423007.

REMINDERS:

Orchard - On plot 1B(b) for PLOT HOLDERS ONLY.

Plot maintenance - ALL PLOTS AND SURROUNDING PATHS MUST BE KEPT IN GOOD ORDER. If you are struggling due to ill health and need help, please contact the AMG before it becomes a problem.

Cars – Please do not bring cars into the allotments when the ground is wet

Toilet – This facility is available during the Spring, Summer and Autumn. Keys, are available from the Parish Clerk with a £5 deposit.

Bin - There is a black bin situated near the toilet. This is for the use of the PARISH LITTER WARDEN ONLY. Please use the public bin located next to the play park or dispose of rubbish at home/at the tip.

Trespass and Damage/Vandalism - If you suffer any theft or vandalism to your plot, please ring 101 and report **all** instances to the Parish Clerk.

Many thanks

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