



Kingsclere Allotment Management Group Newsletter March 2019



Welcome.

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

Management Group Members

We now have 3 new members to the Group. Welcome to Malcolm and Renate Dolton and Rodney Rosier. Alan Denness has now stepped down. A huge thank you goes to Alan for all his hard work and input during his time at part of the Group.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The meeting had a low turnout but was very useful. The minutes will be attached to this newsletter.

Kingsclere Gardening Association (KGA)– Upcoming Talks

Thursday 14 March 2019

Ray Broughton - Garden Ponds.

This will be a very helpful talk if you are thinking of installing a pond on your plot or have an existing one. Ponds are a very useful, eco-friendly way of encouraging slug and pest eating frogs etc onto your plot, great for the kids/grandkids to watch frogspawn in the spring.

Talks are held at Kingsclere Village Club. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start. Non members £2.00. There will be a raffle and refreshments at the end. Limited parking outside. We suggest parking at short walk away in the nearby at Bowls club. Please be very sensitive to blocking residents driveways/access points if you park in King John Road.

Sunday 14 April 2019

Spring Flower Show - Village Club

There are lots of different classes to enter your flowers, plants and produce. There are also "Kingsclere resident only" classes that can be entered on the day and children's classes. Entries fees are nominal, a Show Schedule and more information can be obtained from Beth Theobald or Laura Butler 07770 614971. If you just fancy coming along to see the results, the doors open to the public at 2.30pm.

Helpful information:

Wood Chip and Horse Manure

You will have seen deliveries of woodchip and bagged manure. These are free for all to take and use. If more is needed, contact Beth.

REMINDERS:

Surplus plants and produce – If you would like to share anything, please place it next to the toilet and it will be assumed that it is free to take.

Orchard - On plot 1B(b) for PLOT HOLDERS ONLY. It is important to only pick a fair amount and leave enough for everyone. This is the only area of the allotments that is free to plot holders. All other fruit trees/bushes are NOT part of the orchard and are privately owned.

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. Please carefully consider if you wish to keep your allotment and can cope with the maintenance. There are always people on the waiting list.

1 meter path - this must be kept clear on the left as you enter the allotments to ensure no damage is done to the fence. This applies to ALL plot holders on Row 1. Any rubbish, weeds and plants must be cleared from this area.

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

Beth Theobald – Chairperson Allotment Management Group

Contact:

Beth Theobald, Chair 07916 032250 beth.theobald@btinternet.com

Louise Porton, Parish Clerk 01635 298634 clerk@kingsclere-pc.org.uk

Group Members:

Beth Theobald – Chairperson

Diana Tait

David Hey

Malcolm Dolton

Renate Dolton

Rodney Rosier

Adam Price – Parish Councillor

Nicola Peach – Parish Councillor