



Newsletter No 43 November 2022

Dear Members,

Because of rapid growth of Covid 19 infections in the past few weeks we felt that it was not sensible to hold the Firework BBQ at the beginning of November, but will consider holding our daytime Wassail BBQ and bonfire at the beginning of January.

Work Party dates have been set for two weekends 19/20 and 26/27 November, 2 sessions each day : 10 - 1 and 1.30 – 4.30. Meet at the upper field parking area.

There is maintenance work to be done each year, so please try to help at least on one of the sessions. Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please bring your own gloves, secateurs etc.

As previously, we would appreciate that anyone who is unable to help on these days or during the year feels able to make a voluntary donation of £10 (to Rebecca with the rental payment) to help pay for any work that has to be done by outside contractors. Rebecca will soon be sending out the invoices for 2023.

The **Tea Party** on 11 September was a success with good weather and around 40 adults and children participated. Many thanks for all the great cakes! The raffle raised £46 for Kingston Samaritans.

Deliveries of **manure and woodchip** have commenced and if you wish to take part in the manure scheme, please pay the annual subscription of £5 to Rebecca with your rental payment. The woodchip is free to take as required.

The **water** will, as usual, be turned off when frost is imminent. Harvesting water by using water butts etc is a good idea!

Finally, we extend a warm welcome to new plot holders who have joined us this year and hope to see you on at least some of the work party sessions in November.

We have repeated the following from the last newsletter for everyone's benefit.

OTHER MATTERS

We should be considerate neighbours to all the residents on the South and West sides of the allotment site, so please remember that bonfires to dispose of dry waste materials should only be lit when the wind is blowing from that direction – the wind sock between the two fields is a good indicator. Any other non-compostable waste must be taken away from the site and disposed of at home or at the Villiers Road Recycling Centre, not thrown into the woodland or bramble areas. Also, please remember that petrol trimmers should only

be used during weekdays and Saturday mornings, and not in the evenings, on Saturday afternoons or all day Sundays and Bank Holidays. Electric trimmers can be used throughout the week.

Remember that any dogs brought to the allotments should be kept on a lead at all times and any poo should be picked up and taken home for disposal. Also, please do not feed the foxes as they are becoming more and more a nuisance.

On the upper field there are three parking areas (room for 1 car by the manure corral (well tucked in), 2 by the noticeboard if parked carefully, and 3 cars in front of the chippings and communal shed, and 1 on the freshly mown grass alongside). Please do not park in the space opposite the end of the main path as this is used as a turning space.

On the lower field there are spaces for two cars between the shed and the chippings corral and for one directly in front the gate but parked sufficiently forward to enable cars to turn into the main parking area. You are responsible for your vehicles so please always park considerately!

Remember that after 6.30pm and at weekends you can park safely on the road.

Best Wishes,

Karol Smal and the AGAA Committee.