



# NAILSEA ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER–OCTOBER 2016

### SEED SCHEME

**Please remember the last date for your seed order is 1 NOVEMBER 2016. Do not forget the £1 individual packing charge.**

#### AGM

At the AGM, which was attended by 24 members, the following officers were elected to the Management Committee until the June 2017 AGM: -

Victor Rawlings, Chairman, 855465: Ron Collins, Treasurer, 851296: Ian Stone, Secretary, 851552: Penny Pomphrey, Member, Eric Whitford, Member, Ann Collins, Rep Engine Lane, 851296: Helen Devey, Rep Engine Lane, 854757: Tony Devey, Member.

Members can contact the officers and site reps about any matters concerning the Association or the allotments

#### Membership

All tenants (224) are now members of the Association since the Town Council insisted that all plot holders must have third party insurance.

#### Town Council Information

1. **Parking/Speeding on Driveways.**

Please do not park, block or speed on Driveways and park in the car parks.

2. **Boundary Walls and Fences at Whitesfield Road/Engine Lane.**

**All tenants with plots on the boundaries of both sites MUST not place any material against walls or fences.**

3. **Pathways between Plots.** Tenants **MUST** cut these regularly otherwise you are in breach of your agreement and third party insurance safety obligations.

4. **Untidy Sites.**

The Town Council will now impose a deposit of £40 for new tenants and charge outgoing tenants the cost of a contractor to clear an untidy plot. **If you encounter a problem in maintaining your plot through ill health or some other reason, please inform the Town Council.**

5. **Gates**

Please ensure gates are locked at all times at both sites. There have been a number of thefts and vandalism from plots and the Police have advised that gates need to be locked to deter intruders.

#### Bonfires

Permitted on both sites from **October to the end of March**. Please ensure the bonfire does not cause a smoke nuisance to residents or road users in the vicinity and is put out **before** you leave the site. Please be aware that if there are complaints from the public to Environmental Health about thick smoky bonfires, the Town Council have a duty to stop bonfires for all tenants.

#### Social Events

- **BBQ** –Engine Lane members intended to hold a BBQ in June but the weather was not too kind and it had to be cancelled, for the third year running. However, undeterred by this there will, hopefully, be another next summer and details will be made available in 2017. Tenants from both sites will be invited to support this event.
- **Coach Trip**-we are investigating a visit to a Gardening/Allotment Show sometime in Spring 2017.
- **Other Events**-If you have any ideas for social events please let me know.

### **Children's Hospice Donation**

The November 2015 Gardeners' Question Time event, the May 2016 Plant Sale, donations and the sale of groundcover again raised £1000 for the Children's Hospice appeal, making our total to £4500 over 7 years. Our thanks to all those who helped; donated items for sale or bought at the plant sale, and in particular John Knight for sourcing the ground cover, which again raised a substantial sum.

We will be holding another sale on **Saturday 13 May 2017**. Please sow a few extra seeds for this worthy cause.

### **Ground Cover**

We have a supply of commercial ground cover at 1.5m width, for sale at £1 a metre, which can be cut to any length. Please contact me to order.

### **Water Supply**

This will be turned off until early April. For the Whitesfield Road tenants, the water supply to the toilet will also be turned off but the toilet can be used provided the system is flushed using the water in the containers. **Please ensure the toilet is kept clean and locked.**

### **Membership/Insurance Subscription**

The Town Council's allotment rent, due on 1 April 2017, will increase by 1p per square metre to 21p psm-the NAA membership subscription and third party insurance will remain at £4. **Please note that the NAA Membership Form must be completed and returned to the Town Council as proof you have insurance cover and the Association can forward your details to the Insurer, otherwise you will not be insured and will be in breach of your Tenancy Agreement.**

### **Improvements Programme**

The Town Council is investigating the provision of a building, incorporating a toilet (including use by disabled tenants) and a small kitchen, at both sites as part of a 5 year improvement programme for the allotment sites. As soon as details are available all tenants will be consulted.

**Web Site** The Association Web Site, [www.nailseaallotments.orgfree.com](http://www.nailseaallotments.orgfree.com), kindly set up by Eric Whitford, offers a range of information and a forum where users can seek advice, provide tips and information on anything connected with growing produce on allotments.

There is also good links to other web sites and our own National Society site, [www.nsalg.org.uk](http://www.nsalg.org.uk) where you will find a wide range of information.

## **DON'T FORGET**

**SEED ORDER - Return by 1 November 2016 to either Ron Collins, 93 The Maples or myself at 10 Broom Farm Close.**

**PLANT SALE 13 May 2017 - Please grow a few extra seeds for this worthy cause.**

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