



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2018

Notices:

1. **COMMITTEE MEETING** - The first meeting of the New Year will take place on Saturday 19th January 2019 at 10.00 hrs!
2. **WORK PARTY** – Next year's work parties commence on Saturday 23rd March at 10.00 hrs. Please come along and help if you can - just for a couple of hours! Further dates will be posted in Committee Meeting Minutes (see Notice Board).
3. **Plant Sale/Summer Show** – The Committee will publish dates for the above as soon as the Committee Meetings resume in January.

A TREE IS FOR LIFE –

NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS!!

The Woodland Trust has awarded us a number of free trees. We're hoping to take delivery some time in March so we may be calling for volunteers to help us with the task of planting them. More details will be issued as we get them.

COVER YOUR BUTTS

Water butts with no lids on can be dangerous to inquisitive cats or birds on the Allotment so please always keep them covered.

WILDLIFE IN WINTER

As temperatures plummet winter can be hard on our wildlife and food becomes scarce. Some species move on or migrate and insect-eating birds turn to alternative food sources. But we can help them by providing a welcome source of extra food at this time - so please:

**REMEMBER our WILDLIFE
in WINTER!**



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE WEBSITE!

<https://forgefarmallotments.weebly.com>

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

We have been working on opening up a path from Plot 7 to the green dump area and discovered a large amount of glass in the wooded area. As well as being hazardous to our fellow plot-holders, this poses serious dangers to our wildlife.

There is a list of the nearest recycling areas on the green shed so please dispose of glass responsibly.

SPRING-CLEANING

Spring cleaning plots. Hopefully once the weather improves, our minds will turn to clearing debris and other items from our plots. We have no plans for a skip at the moment so please could you remove any plastics. These can be taken to the local tip – along with waste! If you have wood, however, if you deposit the wood on Plot 1 we will endeavor to burn it off

PLOT LETTING

We have 90% + occupancy at the moment. Lettings Officer is **LYNNE SMITH**, plot 44

- Forge Farm Allotments now have a waiting list for rentable allotment plots.
- If a plot is given up it is first offered to a member of that plotholders family.
- If a family member does not take it then it is offered to the next on the waiting list.
- Birmingham Allotment Association will not allow sub-letting.
- If you or anybody you know wishes their name to be added to the vacancy list please text 07758 236598 OR contact Lynne via the website contact form.
- Confirmation will be acknowledged



SEASONAL GREETINGS!

I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you all see the improvements we've been making, slowly but surely, throughout the last year. We have more plans in the pipeline for 2019. As they say - watch this space.. And, as the weather worsens, it's not just the plants and wildlife that go into hibernation so we look forward to seeing you all in the spring for another planting year!

Robbie