



NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2021

COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS!

Wendy Burnett and Robbie Sandison are stepping down from the committee to spend more time on their plots. Therefore, we are seeking replacement committee members. If you have had a plot for more than 12 months, please feel free to put your name forward. If you are keen but your tenure falls short of the 12-month requirement, please advise us of your interest as you may qualify to be an Associate Member.

Committee roles include:

Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer
Plot Lettings Co-ordinator
Work Party Co-ordinator (*to help schedule path clearing and general duties around the allotment*)
Shop Co-ordinator

As well as other administrative roles relating to the overseeing and running of the site.

The allotment is moving into an excitement time with the transfer from Birmingham City Council to Sutton Coldfield Town Council.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact us via the FFAA email address:

ForgeFarmAllotments@gmx.co.uk

Shop!

In the early hours of Saturday morning (14/8/21) there was a break-in, in the shop. The matter was reported to the police and a forensic officer dusted for fingerprints. We have since discovered that other sites have also been targeted by thieves.



Two strimmers were removed, plus accompanying safety equipment. The shop and the green shed had been vandalized and an attempt was made to break into the neighbouring container. The shop was accessed with the use of an angle grinder to cut the lock. So far as we can tell, the very old container and the yellow container were not interfered with.

Several lockers in the green shed appeared to have been opened. If you had any belongings in them which are no longer there, please report them to the committee in order that we can build a fuller picture of what these vandals stole.

We conducted a visual inspection of plot-holders' sheds but none of them appeared to have been tampered with. Please take this as a gentle reminder not to leave any items of value on your plot.

Unfortunately, we have had to temporarily close the shop until we repair the damage and obtain new locks. We hope this does not cause too much inconvenience.



PETTY THEFTS!

Other thefts have also been reported to the committee involving items such as vegetables and tools.

Two of our plot holders have noticed that plums have been removed from their plots. We do not believe this to be a related incident but is equally upsetting for the plot holders.

So please be observant and report anything suspicious to a member of the committee!

Thank you.