



NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2018

Upcoming Events:

1. **WORKING PARTY** – These are now up and running. The next one is set for Saturday 28th July – 09.30 for a 10.00 start. Please help, if you can - just for a couple of hours! Please refer to Minutes on Notice Board for further dates/details. It's starting to make a difference, we hope you can see it too!
2. **PLOT INSPECTIONS** - The second of this years' inspections have been carried but please be aware that these are still ongoing.
3. **BDAC** - The (Birmingham and District Allotment Confederation) Annual Allotment Show will take place on Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th and Bank Holiday Monday 27th August at the MAC.
4. **SUMMER SHOW** – The date will be confirmed soon. In addition to the usual events, we are introducing a photography competition. More details to follow.

QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

Thank you to the 54% that returned the Feedback Questionnaire. We are embarking on a five year plan for improvements to the site, based on your comments and suggestions.

1. Secure perimeter fencing, electricity on site, clubhouse.
2. Improved toilets, cctv, more car parking.
3. Shop improvements, ability to bulk buy, shop opening.

Things already set in motion include:

- a) The council have agreed to replace the fence adjacent to the A38 and to look into the drainage along the road on the allotment.
- b) We have also purchased, and started planting a hawthorne hedge near the wooden rail fence at the rear of the green dump area.
- c) A sub-committee will be meeting at the end of June to formulate a plan and look into funding for projects.

Forge Farm Allotments Association

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE WEBSITE!

The website is constantly being updated so remember to check periodically for tips and general information.



HOSES

In accordance with Section 6.1 of the Birmingham City Council Allotment Rules hoses or sprinklers are not allowed except where required to fill water butts. In filling a container tenants must have consideration for others who wish to use water. Hosepipes or siphoning devices are not to be used to remove water from any water trough. Tenants must take every precaution to prevent contamination of water supplies. Water may only be extracted from a water course with the approval of the Council and subject to the appropriate license.



We are at 92% occupancy at the moment.

For plot Letting, feel free to see **LYNNE** when she is on the allotment - plot 44, or get in touch via the website.

Allotment Shop



The Red Flag system is now active. When you see one in front of the shop, it means that a Committee member is on site and can give you access. You can identify the Committee member by the corresponding Red Flag that they will be flying on their plot.

- 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 07758236598.
- Confirmation will be acknowledged.

If you feel you would like to join the allotment community there is a lot of advice available from allotment holders. Get in touch and start digging!!

Health and Safety Notes:

1. Please be aware that the Council are going to remove some dead trees on the site.
2. Please try and keep the pathways between allotments clear of trip hazards.
3. Please fill in an Accident Report Form for any accidents on site. These are located in the clubhouse / green shed.
4. With this extended period of good weather, we are getting reports about bites and stings, as a precaution please ensure your tetanus jabs are up to date. (These are usually free from your GPs Surgery)
5. We now have enough detritus to warrant getting a skip! Thank you!!



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