



NEWSLETTER – JULY 2019

NOTICES!

1. **COMMITTEE MEETING** - The next meeting will take place on Saturday 20th July at 1000 hrs!
2. **WORK PARTY** – Saturday 27th July at 1000 hrs. Please come and help if you can - just for a couple of hours! Further dates will be posted in Committee Meeting Minutes (see Notice Board) and are also on the Website under 'Work Parties'
3. **SUMMER SHOW**– Sunday 18th August at 1100 hrs (more info overleaf)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

You can check out upcoming dates in the Calendar section of the Website – Work Party dates are also included.

USE OF HOSEPIPES!

Please remember that the use of hosepipes is restricted to filling water butts and watering cans. It is not permitted, as per Birmingham City Council rules, to use hosepipes for directly watering crops. This applies to all tenants!

FLOODING!

The exceptionally bad weather we have experienced recently, has resulted in a number of plots becoming flooded.

We reported this to the Council and they have since, sent out a Gully Sucker out to clean the drains. Unfortunately, however, there appears to be a blockage in the main line just outside our area, which the Council are looking into.

In the meantime, please could anyone who has a plot bordering the access road to remove weeds and debris – to allow the rainwater to run more freely into the drains.



SHOP SUPPLIES

A reminder that the shop will be open during Work Parties and Committee Meetings. Alternatively, look out for the **Red Flag!**

ACCESS ROAD MAINTENANCE!

It has been suggested to us that if we keep the main access road clear of weeds and soil, this will assist in the drainage of water and will be less likely to silt up the drains.

The committee has started working on this from the gate to the shop. I know most of you do this already.



Committee Update

We'd like to thank Lisa Fryer for her service as Committee Secretary. Due to personal circumstances, however, Lisa will be standing down as Secretary with immediate effect but will remain on the Committee.

FFAA LOCAL SITE RULES

A copy of the local site rules is attached for the attention of all plot holders!

GREY PORTACABIN / CLUBHOUSE

Now that we've moved the containers and the portacabin / clubhouse – if any member would like to access the portacabin / clubhouse, to take a tea or coffee break, then a key is obtainable for a deposit of £10.

Contact Lynne or a Committee member.

SUMMER SHOW

Entrance forms will be available in the green shed from August and can be returned to the shed or handed to a committee member. One entry per tenant per category only.

This year's photographic competition will be split into the following categories:

- 1 Fruit and Vegetables
- 2 Nature & Wildlife
- 3 Miscellaneous

If there are enough entries, we will include a children's section!

Show Organiser – Lynne Smith

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 plot holders 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