



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2018

Stop Press:

- 1. WORK PARTY** – Please help if you can - just for a couple of hours! 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** – These have now taken place for this year. Next year's will commence this October and again in April 2019.

Annual Rent

It is that time of year again! Very shortly, you will receive a letter informing you of how much and how to pay.

The following dates and times are when you can pay in person on site:

Saturday 6th October 10-12 noon
 Saturday 13th October 10-12 noon
 Sunday 14th October 2-4pm and
 Sunday 21st October 2-4pm.

Please contact a member of the Committee if you are vacating or changing your plot size.

SUMMER SHOW



Committee Chairman Robbie with winners L-R Geoff Lloyd, Malcolm Gale and Gary Kelly

This year's Summer Show proved to be a great success and included a number of new categories. Thanks to all those who attended and/or entered produce. The quality was high considering the exceptionally hot weather we've been having. Thanks also to the 'behind the scenes' team too for helping to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

Lastly, many congratulations to all the winners and runners up! A full list of results can be found on our website www.forgefarmallotments.weebly.com





DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE WEBSITE!

<https://forgefarmallotments.weebly.com>

PLOT-HOLDER'S FEEDBACK UPDATE

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. Things already set in motion include:

A) The fence on the A38 is now in situ.



B) The road drains have been cleared and checked – some remedial work remains to be undertaken at the contractor's end.

C) We aim to clear vacant plots with flooding issues and are seeking advice on rectifying this problem.

D) The feedback included improving on-site facilities, providing a more of a community environment. We have costed relocating the two green containers to the area behind the porta cabin and for the porta cabin to be turned 90 degrees facing the grassy area to the right of the gate. This is currently ongoing.



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 potholders 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

Sadly, we need to draw your attention to the fact that there have been a number of minor thefts and other incidents on site recently. These range from missing fruit and produce to someone defecating in a plot-holder's poly tunnel. If you are aware of similar incidents on your plot, please inform a Committee member. Furthermore, if you see anything suspicious, please let a committee member know as we are logging all incidents. It is worth mentioning that some of these incidents occurred after the fence adjoining the A38 was erected.

Also, let a committee member know if you are planning to release your plot. For information, sub-letting is not permitted under Allotment Rules.