

Fairfield Garden Allotments Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter.

At the advice of Hungerford Town Council we have formed a committee to administer the allotments at Fairfields. The committee was made up of those people who volunteered on the day of the formal opening of the site. It is not exclusive, so if anyone wants to join and help with the tasks, then please get in contact with any of the current committee.

The committee for Fairfields Garden Allotments Association are:

Chairman:	Felicity Chapple	681673	felicity.chapple@yahoo.com
Secretary:	Vivienne Ravenhill	686550	viv.ravenhill@yahoo.com (4A Salisbury Road, RG17 OAE)
Treasurer:	Helen Armstrong	681589	hippychick_622@hotmail.com
'Seed Fairy':	Louise Marshall	685031	marshall.lou@btinternet.com
Site Steward:	Bob Pullen		
Committee member:	Tony Lavers		

Representatives of the Allotments association have been co-opted onto Hungerford Town Council Allotments Sub-Committee: Vivienne, Helen and Felicity

Chairman:

We had organized a Work Day in January but the snows meant that we have now moved this to Saturday 6 March from 10.00 to 4.00. Soup and rolls will be provided at lunchtime. The main tasks we need to carry out are repairs to the broken paths, create steps down to the allotments and to clear the gutters on the Wash Houses so that we can collect the water from the downpipes for use on the plots. Please make an effort to come along and help with these jobs. If you have any additional suggestions or need any more information then contact any of the committee members.

Secretary:

Sheds – do you have one – if so which one do you have? Could you let Viv know so that she can update the records. If you don't already have one - do you want one? We all know that there aren't enough sheds for one each so if you have already laid claim to one, do you have space in yours to share with someone who doesn't have one yet?

Treasurer:

We have applied to the council for a grant to cover fencing on the north side of the site (alongside plots 6/7/18/19). We have had a quote for clearing the land there, and erecting chain link fencing as that was the most cost-effective. Obviously if we can do some of the clearing ourselves that will help to keep the costs down. We have included the cost of 6 water butts and connectors/taps to gather the water from the wash houses. If you know of any spare butts then we can utilize those as well.

Seed Fairy:

Our plan is to bulk buy seeds on behalf of the Allotment holders but we will be giving you more information on this as the seasons progress. You might be interested in going to the Whitchurch Potato Day – Saturday and Sunday 30/31 January. 10am - 3pm at Testbourne Community Centre, Micheldever Road, Whitchurch. Entry adults £2, accompanied children free. Visit www.potatoday.org for more details.

Just a reminder that there are Coppicing, Pruning and Thatching Spar Making courses at Little Hidden Farm in January/February/March. Visit www.littlehiddenfarm.co.uk for more details or phone Bill Acworth on 01488 683253 for more details and availability of places.

One of the conditions of the lease of the land from Sovereign Housing Association is that ACCESS TO THE ALLOTMENT SITE IS THROUGH THE SCHOOL ALLEY GATE ONLY – NOT THROUGH THE FAIRFIELDS HOUSING ARCH. Please ensure that you don't 'trespass' on the Sovereign land. And can I remind all the holders to close the padlock behind you and spin the numbers every time you come in or out of the site.

Here's to a productive time on our new plots. Look forward to seeing you all there.