

Fairfield Garden Allotment

Association

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SEEDS

I hope you enjoyed looking through the Kings Seeds catalogue that Derek Loft organised for HAHA. As Fairfield Garden Allotments are a part of HAHA we are able to enjoy a huge discount on these seeds, and other items. Last minute orders can be sent to Derek by 15th Feb, and your seeds will arrive in March. Those who have already placed an order will be getting your packages very soon! Derek can also get other items:

Netting: 4 metres wide 65p per metre

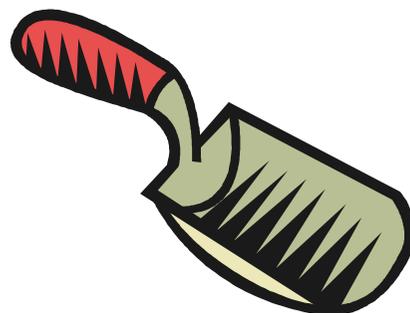
Weed control: 2 metres wide £1 per metre

Fleece: 2 m wide 50p per metre

If you are interested phone Derek on 07799 660584

Paths:

Please could you continue to ensure that the concrete paths surrounding your plots are kept clear from clutter, overhanging plants, and soil, as these can make the surfaces hazardous and slippery.



FAIRFIELDS GARDEN ALLOTMENTS *newsletter*

February 2011/04

Christmas is now a distant memory and spring is just around the corner, let's hope it comes a lot quicker than it did last year. I think I've had a successful year if I can serve some home grown vegetables for Christmas lunch. This year we had roast potatoes and parsnips, red cabbage, leeks and sprouts all from the allotment. Next Christmas I am aiming to improve the quantity and quality of some of the above, the red cabbage and sprouts were a little pathetic! Our parsnips however are amazing. We've pulled up a few giants, which make superb curried parsnip soup, or we've chopped them up and roasted them, delicious!

We have also been enjoying the last of our stored squashes, which I think have been my favourite vegetable. I've been surprised by the amount of food we've managed to grow in such a small plot. I've even noticed a reduction in our food bill, although my children did go hungry for a while as they refused to eat any more courgettes!!

My collection of seed packets is growing and I can't wait for the 2011 growing season to get started..! - LM

Lock:

PLEASE, PLEASE ensure that when you replace the lock on the gate, it is facing the right way. Finding the lock the wrong way causes real problems for some allotment holders.



Fairfield Garden Allotment Association

Committee News: Your committee have now been in existence for just over a year now, and our main aim is to ensure the smooth running of the site. We meet about every 6 weeks, and recent topics have covered the provision of the water butts on the site, social events (plant sales, bonfire) and general maintenance. We have put together a strategy for the site which we hope you agree with, but please feed back any comments to the committee for consideration. If you would like to join us we would always welcome new committee members. We now have three representatives on the HAHA committee, which is the body which oversees both the Fairfields and Marsh Lane sites on behalf of the council. Some of our allotment holders have joined HAHA, and can benefit from substantial discounts on seeds which we can buy in bulk. There is no joining fee for this, so let us know if you would like a membership form to complete—FC

Rent

The £12 per plot annual rent for your plot at Fairfield Garden allotment site is due on 1st April. HAHA will be sending out new tenancy agreements and invoices for the rent nearer the time. If you no longer wish to keep your allotment, please let a committee member know before mid March, so that we may pass it on to the next person on the waiting list.

SHED

Fairfield Allotment Association has designated one of the sheds for 'communal' use. It will contain equipment useful to all allotment holders, such as a large broom for sweeping the paths, and a first aid kit. The combination number for the lock will be the same as the gate lock. The shed will also be used as a general store for committee items

Please Help!

There will be a work day one weekend in March. This will involve a general clear up, weeding, sweeping paths and sorting out the communal shed amongst other things. In the past these days have been surprisingly good fun, with lots of refreshments being served and the opportunity to meet other allotment holders. The date and time for this will be weather dependant, so watch the notice board and your emails if you have one. We would really appreciate your help.

TOP TIPS!!

Warm the soil. To get the ground ready for early sowings, cover it with clear plastic sheeting. This will warm and dry the soil. Remove the sheeting just before you sow your early veg.

Site Steward

Sadly Bob Pullin has resigned from the position of Site Steward. He has decided to take a much deserved rest, but says he will still keep an eye on things! I'm sure you will want to join us in thanking him for all he has done and wishing him well.



Plant Sale

We will be holding another bring and buy plant sale sometime in May. This could be an opportunity for you to clear out the plants and seedlings you may have over produced, and buy something different!! We will also be looking for cake donations for the refreshment stall. Date and time to be confirmed nearer the time - watch the notice boards!