

**BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION
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Dear Plot Holders,

It's been a very difficult summer but I hope you have managed to grow the majority of your crops successfully.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Community Bonfire - Saturday Morning of 1st September
- **BBQ Sunday 9th September 12 until 2.30pm**
- Mulled wine and mince pies + raffle on Sunday 2nd December from 10.30. Raffle drawn at 12.

THE COMMITTEE:

Graham Day has resigned from the committee but will support us when we need help. We are always looking for keen new members so if you are interested please contact me gyill@hotmail.co.uk We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Communal Hut from 7.30 until 9pm.

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE:

After a very shaky start the parking facilities along the allotment side of Andover Road are now working properly. It costs £1.85 to park your car via RINGO for up to 4 hours but there is no charge before 8.30am. Or after 6.30pm. It is by no means a perfect solution for everyone but there are still discussions taking place. We will make sure that we are included in the review that will take place at the end of the year.

VOLUNTARY MANAGEMENT:

We have not moved forward with this as we had planned. After an in depth discussion with the committee we have reluctantly decided that at the present time, after so many delays and faded enthusiasm, we are not able to continue with our quest. A couple of members still feel pledged but to take on self-management we will need the expertise and commitment of a full and dedicated committee who have the time to dedicate to the task. We hope that LBRUT will streamline their procedure for Voluntary Management and if they do the committee may consider it in the future.

WEBSITE:

We've been working on a website for the allotment association with the aim of

providing an online source of useful information, diary dates and announcements. The website is in the early stages of development and we would welcome any suggestions on what members would like to see on it. If anyone would like to provide information, photos or articles that we can include on the website, please pass them on. You can view the website here:- <https://e-voice.org.uk/braha/>

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The new European GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) which came into effect on 25th May 2018 requires organisations to use and manage personal data properly and securely. BRAHA receives some information pertaining to allotment tenants but will not pass any personal details to any other person or organisation. You can see our privacy statement on our website - <https://e-voice.org.uk/braha/privacy-statement/>. In the future we're planning to use a central email address for our correspondence, so please look out for emails from briarallotments@gmail.com and feel free to contact the committee through this address and it will be passed onto the appropriate committee member.

RECYCLING TABLE: This is proving to be quite popular and is ideal for sharing excess vegetables etc. So that the area does not become overwhelmed we will discard anything that has been there for several weeks.

PLOT INSPECTIONS: The Allotments Officer Pete Lewis will be doing an inspection of the site towards the end of September.

WAITING LIST: Our waiting list is still very high and people have to wait four years for a plot on our site. If you are struggling to give time to your plot due to other commitments and have decided to give it up please let us know. We can always put you back on the waiting list.

COOKBOOK: I haven't received any recipes which is disappointing. I know there are lots of great cooks out there with many interesting recipes they could share

RUBBISH: We have a couple of old tanks and some metal near our bin. Does anyone know a scrap metal dealer who would take it away?

Thank you for your continued support. Gill Ware Chair of BRAHA