

BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Dear Plot Holders,

SITE SECURITY: We're all extremely lucky at this time to be able to continue to come to our allotments during the government lockdown. We need to make sure that this privilege is not taken away by ensuring that we all follow the rules laid out by the council

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/parks_and_open_spaces/allotments/covid_19_guidance_for_allotments.

We have many plot holders who are understandably feeling nervous at the moment, and we ask that everyone helps to observe the rules while they're on site, especially as the Easter weekend is coming and the weather is improving. Please, if you bring family or dogs on site, ensure that activity is limited to your plot only, and dogs are kept on leads at all times.

Please also make sure that the gates are locked at all times – this will help to keep plot holders feel safe, deter fly tipping and in these uncertain times will help to keep our produce safe too. Unfortunately, as has been the case with some parks, if we don't adhere to the rules or if there are complaints, the council could take access away.

If anyone is unwell or isolating and needs any assistance with their plot in terms of watering etc, please let us know and we'll do what we can to help.

GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL: As you're aware, council contractors took away the pile of non-compostable waste a few weeks ago. Council teams have been scaled back and we currently don't have any indication as to when they might come back. With household green waste also being suspended the problem is exacerbated. We ask that you **PLEASE don't dispose of your non compostable green waste in the communal area or put it in the green bin by the Andover Road gate**. The council won't empty the bin if it contains green waste and if we continue to make a communal pile it will become both a health and fire hazard.

TWICKENHAM GREEN MAY FAIR: Not unexpectedly we've been informed that this year's May Fair has been cancelled. It's a big blow for us as it's our biggest fund raiser of the year - the money we raise goes towards funding events, maintaining the communal hut and providing facilities not ordinarily funded by the council. We'll be thinking of events we can run later in the year once the situation improves.

AGM: We usually hold our AGM during June, but in the circumstances, we'll be postponing it until such time as we can all get back together again.

PLOT NUMBERING: Plot numbering is continuing, but if you haven't already, if everyone could clearly show their plot number somewhere on their plot – on the shed, water barrel etc or on a post driven into the ground alongside the path leading to your allotment if there isn't a marker there already, we'd be really grateful.

We hope everyone is safe and well and hope that with everyone's help we can continue to enjoy and benefit from our allotments in these very strange times.

Kind Regards

BRAHA Committee