

BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Plot Holders,

BBQ DATE CHANGE: The BBQ planned for the 15th September has now been rearranged for **Sunday 22nd September**. More details to follow nearer the time.

NON-COMPOSTABLE GREEN WASTE: Unfortunately, since the council ban on all allotment bonfires, we have been unable to reach an agreement with the council on a long term solution for the disposal of non-compostable green waste. As the pile had become a hazard it has been removed, but until we have a long term solution **we kindly request that you dispose of your non-compostable materials yourself and not add anything to what was the drying or bonfire area**. Please also ensure that you don't put non-compostable material such as couch grass, bindweed and diseased greenery in the communal compost bins as it makes the compost unusable. We know that most plot holders have their own compost bins but for those who do not have one it is likely that the council will make having a compost bin on your plot a part of the terms and conditions for allotments in the future.

SLUG PELLETS: I have been asked by a plot holder to appeal to you all to use organic slug pellets to reduce the danger to hedgehogs and other wild life - A dead hedgehog was found on site recently. Organic slug pellets can be purchased cheaply at Wilko <https://www.wilko.com/en-uk/wilko-slug-bait-590g/p/0331176>

PATHWAYS: As part of your rental agreement with the local authority you are responsible for making sure that pathways adjacent to your plot are kept cut. If the pathway is shared then you need to come to some agreement with your neighbours. Our Association has strimmers that you can borrow for a nominal fee. Seek the advice of Dennis if you wish to borrow one. Please make sure that large plants or trees do not overhang the pathways as we are getting many complaints about this.

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ): We've been informed that the council will soon be extending the CPZ to include Meadway and several other surrounding roads, after consultation with residents. We are expecting this to impact again on our plot holders, so we have appealed to the parking officer for additional parking permits for our site. So far, we've not been successful but we will keep trying. Any plot holder wanting to join our scheme can do so if they pay £3 a year which covers the five reduced cost permits that we have already been allocated. Once paid you will be given the code to the safe behind the letterbox where you will find the parking permits. You will need to put your name in the book inside, the time you come on site and the number permit you are using. When you leave, we ask that you replace the parking permit and write in the book the time you left. The system has been working successfully for 8 months and I must thank everyone who has been using it for using it with consideration.

SITE SECURITY: We continue to have rubbish dumped on our site from outside and other allotments across the borough are reporting a spate of produce thefts, so can I **please** remind everyone to lock the main gate when they arrive and leave, as it has often been left unlocked recently.

Kind regards,

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