

BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Dear Plot Holders,

We hope that everyone is keeping well and managing to clear their plots for the winter. Sadly, we're unable to have our annual Christmas Raffle and get together this year, but we sincerely hope that we'll be able to all get together as soon as it's safe in the New Year.

COMMUNITY HUT: Just to let you know that we've re-opened the community hut for everyone to use again – please observe social distancing and use the sanitiser provided on surfaces or items that you use. Just to also remind everyone that there is a basic first aid kit in the hut should anyone need it.

COUNCIL BIN: A reminder please, to not overfill the council bin at the Andover Road entrance. If the bin is full, please wait until it's emptied to put your waste into it – if the lid doesn't close the council contractors may refuse to take it.

We've also been asked to remind everyone that green waste should not go into this bin – again, the council may refuse to take it. We'd also be really grateful if rubbish that doesn't fit into the bin isn't dumped by the side of it – it takes a lot of volunteer time to keep the area clear and safe.

COMMUNAL COMPOSTING: Volunteers attempted to dig out compost for everyone to use from Bin 1 at the weekend, but unfortunately, due to the amount of non-compostable woody waste like brassica / sweetcorn stalks and raspberry canes or pernicious weeds deposited, it was rather a lost cause. Without trying to sound like a cracked record, PLEASE don't add woody waste and weeds like bindweed, mare's tail or couch grass to the compost bins as it makes it unusable.

HORSE MANURE AVAILABLE: We've been made aware that there is a large amount of manure available from the Charlton Village Stables (TW17 0RJ), near Shepperton – opposite the Harrow Inn – not accessible for everyone, but if you have transport there's a plentiful supply.

WINTER WATER SHUT OFF: To protect the system over winter, the water has been switched off. If you do need water over the winter, there are several water barrels connected around the community hut which you can use.

SITE SECURITY: As the days get shorter and there are less people around on site, please make sure where you can you secure your belongings out of sight, be vigilant and always ensure that your shed, if you have one, is secure and that the site gates are locked at all times

Kind Regards

BRAHA Committee