

## BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Dear Plot Holders,

**SEED EXCHANGE – SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 11am – 1pm:** Come along to the community hut with any unwanted seeds and help yourself to seeds that others bring. Don't be put off if you have no seeds to swap - you can still take part and could make a small contribution for your seeds. Members of the committee will also be around with advice for the forthcoming growing season

**PARKING PERMITS:** Some of you will have noticed that the Controlled parking Zone (CPZ) is extending to include The Meadway on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We've applied to the council for more permits, but at the moment we're still limited to the passes that we currently have. We're planning to add another box to the Meadway gate and split the passes between the 2 boxes. If you'd like to use the permits and haven't already, please contribute £3 to cover their use - you can give your money to a member of the committee or leave it in the community hut in an envelope with your name on it, let us know it's there and we'll let you have the code.

**NON-COMPOSTABLE WASTE:** As reported previously we're continuing to discuss with the council how best to dispose of our non-compostable waste. The council still requests that wherever possible plot holders dispose of our waste ourselves. However, we're currently trialling a hot-bin to see if it will solve the problem of disposing of pernicious weeds and the council have agreed to provide a chipper to shred woody material on site. The chipper is expected to be available on site on a Saturday in March, so as soon as we have a confirmed date and time, we'll be in touch again.

**PLOT NUMBERING:** Over the years it has become increasingly difficult for plot holders, committee members (the membership secretary in particular), as well as the Council's Allotment Officer to identify where some plots begin and end as many of the old marker posts have disappeared and some new half-plots have been created and others merged. This year we are embarking upon an ambitious scheme to mark all four corners of every plot across the site and by numbering yours you can help us achieve this. All we ask is that you clearly show your plot number on your shed or greenhouse, if you have one, or alternatively display your number on a post driven into the ground alongside the path leading to your allotment if there isn't a marker there already. In the months ahead you may find marker posts appearing (and disappearing) around the site. Please ignore them as they should not have any effect on your growing activities. It just means that things are progressing. Please speak to any committee member if you require help or assistance