

## BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Dear Plot Holders,

We hope that everyone is keeping well and enjoying the thought that Spring is just around the corner. With the warmer weather forecast and the days getting lighter, our site is already getting busier.

**GATE PADLOCK CHAINS:** Thanks to everyone for keeping the gates locked, but unfortunately, over the last week or so the padlock chain on both access gates has been wound tightly around the gate in such a way that it's been difficult, if not impossible to unlock the padlock to get the gates open from either side – please could you check that the chain isn't wound too tight as you leave and enter.

**IRISES AVAILABLE – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** Phillipa has some high-quality irises available which she is donating to raise funds for the site – they'll be available at the Communal Hut table on Sunday morning along with an honesty box for donations (suggested donation of £1)

**PLOT INSPECTIONS:** The council have informed us that they'll be resuming plot inspections in the next few months – if you think you're going to have trouble keeping your plot up together (if you've been unwell or shielding for example), please let one of the committee or the council know.

**MAY PLANT SALE:** We're anticipating that the HANDS Fair on Twickenham Green may not go ahead again this year. As most of you will know this is our major fundraiser which helps us to provide events and goes towards the upkeep of the site for items that the council don't provide. If this is the case, we're hoping that if restrictions allow it, we'll hold a plant sale on site during May. We'll know more nearer the time, but if you have spare plants by then, please hang on to them!

**COMMUNAL COMPOSTING:** Sadly, despite many appeals, woody waste (like brassica / sweetcorn stalks and raspberry canes) is still being added to the communal compost bins. A lot of volunteer time goes into managing the bins and if woody waste or pernicious weeds are added it makes it virtually unusable. PLEASE don't add these items to the bins.

**PARKING PERMITS:** A few of our parking permits have gone walkabout recently – thankfully they've all been returned eventually. We have many plot holders signed up to use the scheme this year, and with the site getting busier as Spring arrives, we'd be very grateful if everyone could make sure that the passes are returned promptly so that they can be used multiple times each day.

Kind Regards

BRAHA Committee