

## BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDER'S ASSOCIATION

Dear Plot Holders,

We wish you all a very Happy New Year! It's been very cold and wet over the last month, so let's hope Spring is on the way soon.

Thanks to everyone that came along to our Christmas social, it was great to see so many of you and a huge thanks especially to Gill Ware for organising and to Helena for the refreshments and fabulous preserves.

Also, a big thank you to Philippa for the fabulous wreath making workshops which were a huge success!

We have a few more updates this month:

**ACCESSIBLE PLOT PROJECT:** Unfortunately, we've had a number of delays completing the project due to a combination of illness and the appalling weather, but we're hoping to be arranging the delivery of the last of the path material shortly and will need as many volunteers to help shifting it to the plot as possible so watch this space!

In the meantime, the Co-op are donating funds this year to local community projects across the country through their Local Community Fund initiative. Our allotment site has been accepted as one of these community projects, so we would like your help to raise as much as possible for our accessible plot scheme.

The initiative involves being a Co-op member and works like this:

- Co-op members nominate a charity to support
- When shopping in a Co-op store, they scan a membership card before paying
- Co-op then donate 1p out of every £1 spent to their nominated charity

If you are a Co-op member and you sometimes shop in a Co-op store:

- Please choose BRAHA as your nominated charity
- Please remember to scan your membership card when paying for your items
- That's it!
- Further information on nominating BRAHA as your charity can be found at:  
<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/72486>

If you sometimes shop in a Co-op store and are interested in becoming a Co-op member, click here for information on how to join: [Co-op Membership](#)

**COUNCIL PLOT INSPECTIONS:** The council allotment officer will be starting plot inspections shortly. If you think you're going to struggle maintaining your plot this year, please let a member of the allotment team or the committee know.

**UPDATED COUNCIL ALLOTMENT TERMS & CONDITIONS:** The council allotment team have asked us to bring to your attention their refreshed Terms & Conditions. They are now on the council website and have asked that plot holder re-familiarise themselves with our tenancy Ts & Cs.

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/parks and open spaces/allotments/allotments terms and conditions](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/parks_and_open_spaces/allotments/allotments_terms_and_conditions)

**WOODY WASTE COLLECTION:** We've been informed that we'll be getting another woody waste collection at the end of February, so if you can't dispose of your woody waste yourselves, please hang onto it until then.

**SEED EXCHANGE – Save the date Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March.** We'll be holding another seed exchange event as well as a tool sale. Further details nearer the time.

**BRAHA ANNUAL REPORT:** Our latest annual report can be found on our website <https://e-voice.org.uk/braha/files/>

Thanks as always for your continued support and we hope to see you on site soon

Kind Regards

BRAHA Committee

Website - <https://e-voice.org.uk/braha/>