

BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Dear Plot Holders,

There are a few things we would like to share with you.

WREATH MAKING: One of the committee is leading a Christmas wreath making workshop for 6 people in the Hut on Thursday 21st November from 6.30 until 9pm. There will be a charge of £20 to cover the cost of materials. If you have any particular greenery you wish to include feel free to bring it with you. There are only a few spaces so this will be on a first come first served basis. Please respond to me asap. at gyill@hotmail.co.uk

CHRISTMAS EVENT: Sunday 8th December from 11 to 1pm. Mulled wine and mince pies in the hut. If the weather is fine we will fire up the BBQ. We will also have our annual raffle which will be drawn at 12.45. We always have a hamper of food and a small drinks hamper as well as many other prizes. Please come and join us and if you have anything suitable for either hamper or as a prize we would be grateful. Anything received that is not used at Christmas will be used at the fair on the green in May.

WATER SUPPLY: Due to the risk of broken pipes, the water supply to all allotments will be turned off on the 18th November and will not be switched on again until the Spring. If you need water for chickens etc please make alternative arrangements.

USE OF PARKING PERMITS: The system we have used this year has been really successful and we want to continue with it. This month we have to renew the five permits allocated to us and pay a fee for them. If you wish to continue using the permits please contribute £3 which is for a year. As soon as the new permits arrive we will issue the plot holders taking part in the scheme a new code to the box on the back of the gate.

NON COMPOSTABLE WASTE: We have been in discussion with the local authority about the bonfire ban and I am afraid there is no chance of a change in their decision. David Allister (Head of Parks and Open Spaces) met with the committee and we went through various options for our site. 1. We are presently negotiating for several hot bins that can be used for disposing of weeds such as mare's tail, bind weed, couch grass etc. 2. We will be preparing an area for woody materials so that the council can send a shredder at least twice a year and dispose of the shreds. 3. We have agreed that plot holders will be encouraged to compost material on their own plots and take away non compostable materials if they can. David suggested that it could be a condition of tenancy in future that all plot holders have compost bins on their plots. We have asked him if he could look into the possibility of the council providing discounted compost bins.

Kind regards to you all and hope to see you at our Christmas event.

Gill and the Committee