

BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDER'S ASSOCIATION

Dear Plot Holders,

We hope everyone is well – there are a few really important updates this month:

WATER SHUT OFF: To protect the system over winter, the water supply will be switched off sometime during next week. If you do need water over the winter, there are several water barrels connected around the community hut which can be used.

WOODY WASTE COLLECTION: Council contractors will be coming to remove our woody waste on Monday 14th November.

Please bring any woody waste to Plot 35 (the accessible plot project area) at the Andover Road end before Monday 14th November. Several rubble bags have been laid down nearest the path to protect the membrane so we'd be grateful if the pile could be stacked there.

PLEASE – We'd like to stress that this collection is for waste that before the bonfire ban, we would have burned. It's not a rubbish collection, so **PLEASE** don't add any non woody waste to the pile. There's a risk that the contractors won't take it if they think it contains domestic waste or rubbish.

PARKING PASSES: Our parking passes are up for renewal at the end of November. The cost is the same as last year at £5 for the year. Hopefully everyone will agree that it's still a lot cheaper than having to pay each visit.

We'll be changing the combination on the boxes again so if you would like to use a pass from 1st December, please let a member of the committee have your £5 before then and we can let you know the new combination. (A list of committee members is on our noticeboards and our website <https://e-voice.org.uk/braha/email/>)

Alternatively, you can make a bank transfer to our bank account **Metro Bank – Sort Code 23-05-80 – Account Number 41856068**– please include your name and plot number as the reference

Or you could leave the money in an envelope in the community hut with your name and plot number – although please let us know as soon as you've done it, so the money's not left there for too long

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL / RAFFLE: Sunday 4th December: Come along to our Christmas social at the hut from 11am – 1pm on Sunday 4th December. There will be a raffle, mince pies and mulled wine! Weather permitting we're also hoping to have a BBQ.

We'd be grateful for any items suitable for the raffle – you can leave them in the hut with a note or let Gill Ware on plot 31 have them in advance.

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS: One of our committee members Philippa, a professional gardener, has kindly offered to run a number of wreath making workshops at the beginning of December if there's enough interest. Current dates proposed are the 2nd and 3rd December but more details to follow next week.

BIRD FLU: The council have informed us that avian flu is on the rise again and have asked us to remind any poultry keepers on our site to make sure they are up to date with government recommended bio security measures.

This government webpage [Avian influenza \(bird flu\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/avian-influenza) gives detailed and excellent advice and about half way down there's a document produced by the Gov called [Biosecurity and preventing welfare impacts in poultry and captive birds](#) which covers measures poultry keepers should be taking.

Thanks for your continued support and we hope to see you at our Christmas event

Kind Regards

BRAHA Committee

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