

Dear Plot Holders,

### **Volunteer Morning**

On the **13<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 am** we are having a Volunteer morning on site. The most important job is to empty one of the communal compost bins. If you use these bins, or even if you don't, we would really appreciate some help. The only way the system will work is if they are emptied regularly and it is too big a job for just a couple of people, so please come along and help if you can. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Composting**

Please do not put green waste into the communal bins or the drying area when they are full. Each plot holder should really try and compost as much of their own green waste as possible and I know that many of you do. If you are new to having an allotment, compost bins can be easily made out of old pallets which you can get free from places like Wicks or from skips. The recycling Centre (The Dump) at Townmead Road also sell plastic compost bins. 220 litres = £14.50 each and 330 litres = £16.50 each. There is also something on YouTube telling you how to make a compost bin.

### **Site Address**

From next week we will have a new post box on our gate and have been issued with a new postal address which is 'Briar Road Allotments, 48A Andover Road, TW2 6PD'

### **Freecycling**

The freecycling area has been a huge success since it was introduced earlier this year and I know many of you have benefited from it, both in terms of what you have been able to give away and what you have been able to obtain. However, we have had a few problems recently with items which haven't been taken, and because they were too large to fit in the bin, committee members have had to take them to the dump. Please could you consider this when putting items there and only put things that could fit easily in the bin if no one else wants them.

### **Christmas Event**

Our Christmas event is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 11 O'clock. There will be mulled wine and mince pies plus a Christmas raffle. If you have any unwanted gifts that would be suitable for a raffle prize that you can donate we would be very grateful. Any gifts not used at Christmas will be held and used as Tombola prizes when we do the Fair on Twickenham Green in May 2019.

### **Cats and wildlife**

We do get several cats on our site and recently a plot holder found one in her greenhouse. Please check when closing your sheds and greenhouses to make sure that nothing is trapped.

### **New Bonfire Times**

There have been some updates to the bonfire conditions on site – bonfires are allowed between 16<sup>th</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> April during daylight hours, Monday to Saturday – please see the noticeboard and gate for terms and conditions.

### **Discussion Items**

If there are any issues that you want raised at our monthly committee meetings please contact me [gyill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gyill@hotmail.co.uk), [briarallotments@gmail.com](mailto:briarallotments@gmail.com), talk to any other committee member or leave a note in our letterbox.

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