

Members' Newsletter

April 2016

Welcome to all new members.

TOMSWOOD SITE CLEARANCE

This month the remains of the old Trading Hut that was burnt down in November 2012 is finally going to be removed. The site has been taken over by weeds and because of the remaining debris is a hazard. Contractors will be on site 11th- 13th April. They will also be clearing around the car park and will be moving between these two areas, so please be careful if you are on site whilst this work is being done.

More information on this project will be coming out as an additional Newsletter next month.



How tidy is your Plot?

1. Is your shed an eyesore?
2. Does your plot have unsightly rubbish lying around?
3. Have you left weeds to grow and set seed?
4. Are your paths trimmed and in good condition?

Please consider your neighbours and look after your plot.

Correct answers 1. No; 2. No; 3. No; 4. Yes

PLOTS ARE REGULARLY INSPECTED BY THE SITE STEWARDS

Reminder...



Photo Competition

We will be holding a photo competition this summer. Look out for information on the website, noticeboards, in the shops and in the next Newsletter.

Trading Huts Open

Sundays
10 a.m. – 12 noon

Website:
nhaha.org.uk

Volunteer Helpers Needed

Can you lend a hand?

Can you spare a couple of hours now and again ... to help in the shops, cut the grass, maintain the garden plots, clear some rubbish, trim some overgrown bushes, fix a broken fence, make a noticeboard

Ideas for improvements to our allotments?

The 12 members of the NHAHA Committee meet every two months. The next three meetings will be held at the start of June, August and October.

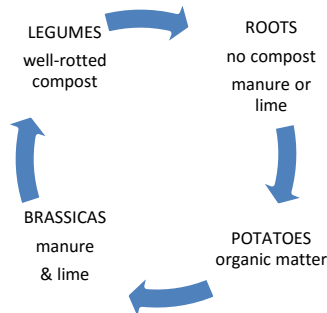
If you have any information or suggestions for our discussions, please let us know by writing to:

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Crop Rotation

The crop rotation below is just one of many



Each type of crop has different needs so rotating is beneficial.



SECURITY

Please lock the gates every time you enter or leave the allotment sites. One of our tenants had his bike stolen after someone had left the gate unlocked.

Composting

Making your own compost is a must do activity for anyone with an allotment. Here is a reminder of the ingredients. The best compost is made from a 50-50 mix of materials from the green and brown sections

GREEN Compost materials that rot quickly and provide important nitrogen and moisture:

Animal manure, annual weeds, bindweed, brussels sprout stalks, carrot tops, citrus peel, coffee grounds, comfrey leaves, cut flowers, fruit peelings & pulp, fruit seeds, grass cuttings, hay, hedge clippings, house plants, nettles, old bedding plants, rhubarb leaves, seaweed, soft prunings, tea leaves & bags, urine, vegetable peelings & pulp

BROWN Compost materials that rot slowly providing carbon and fibre. They also allow air pockets to form and prevent the compost getting compacted and slimy:

Autumn leaves, cardboard, egg boxes (card), egg shells, evergreen prunings, natural corks, paper bags, straw, sweetcorn cobs, tomato plants, wood ash, wood chippings

RED Materials that should never be put into the compost bin as they will produce unwanted pests and smells:

Bones, bread, cat litter, cigarette ends, coal ash, dairy products, diseased plants, disposable nappies, dog faeces, dog food, meat & fish scraps, olive oil, soiled tissues, weeds with seed heads



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