

Members' Newsletter

June 2016

SLUG ALERT!



This year there are a lot of slugs about and as yet nobody has come up with a foolproof way of keeping their plants safe from them! One of the most effective ways is to sprinkle slug and snail pellets around, but this is not organic. Alternatively you can put gravel, crushed sea shells, egg shells, oats, or anything else that makes it difficult for the slugs to move across, around your most vulnerable plants.

Nemaslug Slug Killer is a product that can be used and is supposed to be quite effective and **Slug and Snail Shocka Rolls** look like a good idea as they will also suppress weed growth.

A tidy allotment is a good deterrent. If there is no habitat for the molluscs to live in then there will be many fewer of them. That means removing weeds, dead leaves and other debris that they love to hide away in.

Plant Sale

Website: nhaha.org.uk

AND nnr-allotments.org.uk

Plants grown in the NNR greenhouse will be on sale this month. Hurry along to the Trading Hut at NNR before they sell out.

Nature Plots

At Tomswood we have a few areas that have over the years been 'left to nature'. Many birds nest in these areas and we want to keep them, but they are becoming too unruly and in some places 'rubbish' has been dumped.

Two people have agreed to maintain one of these areas, if you would like to help keep the nature plots tidy, please get in touch with the committee at Tomswood.

Volunteer Helpers Still Needed

Rubbish Removal



If you have been working on your plot at Tomswood during May, you may have thought we were being invaded! Two men in red overalls spent a few days gathering asbestos from the derelict trading hut and from around the site. Debris from the old trading hut is now being removed and the site will then be prepared for our new communal garden. We will also be installing an Eco Toilet next to the green container that is now our Meeting Room. More news on this in next month's Newsletter. We have had quite a few skips on site in the last month and a lot of rubbish from around the site has been cleared. There may be another skip later in the year for those of you who still have rubbish to clear from your plots. Meanwhile, please remove as much as you can, a bit at a time. Small amounts can be added to your normal household rubbish and larger quantities can be taken to Chigwell Road Reuse and Recycling Centre, IG8 8PP Mondays – Fridays 7.30 am – 4.30 pm & Saturdays & Sundays 8.00 am – 4.00 pm.



Photo Competition

The photo competition is now open. Photos taken between 1st June and 30th October 2016 on the topic of allotment gardening can be entered. Photos must be printed (up to A4 in size) and submitted to the committee no later than Sunday 5th November 2016. All entries will be on display at the Annual General Meeting by all who attend.

Trading Huts Open

Sundays 10 a.m. – 12 noon

The shops are well stocked and prices are very competitive. If you have never visited, try and pop in next Sunday.

Plot Inspections

Despite the bad weather we are experiencing at the start of this month, there has been a lot more activity on the plots since the inspections at the start of May. Well done to all who are battling the elements to make their plots both productive and tidy.

Next inspection will be in July when we look forward to seeing how much more everyone has done.

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