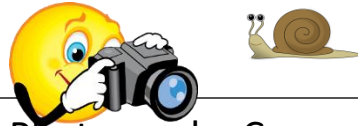


North Hainault Allotment Holders Association & Protection Society Ltd

Members' Newsletter

May 2017

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nhaha.org.uk
 AND nnr-allotments.org.uk



TRADING HUTS
OPEN
Sundays
10am to 12 noon

In May and June there will be young plants for sale at New North Road. There will be tomato, cucumber, sweet corn, beans, pumpkin, marrow, squash, courgette, cape gooseberries and a selection of flowers. Look out for signs outside the shop.

Photography Competition 2017

This year you are invited to enter up to three photos in the Photography Competition. Photos must be taken between 1st October 2016 and 30th September 2017 and must be submitted by email to the committee by Sunday 8th October 2017.

This year there are three categories and you may enter one photo in each category:

Bountiful Earth
 Wildlife at the Allotment
 Allotment Structures



2016 Winning Photo

Weather

The last six months we have seen some unusual weather...

	Max Temp*	Min Temp*	Rainfall mm
November	15	-5	147
December	13	-3	31
January	10	-4	113
February	17	-1	111
March	19	1	64
April	22	-1	14

*Temperature is in Centigrade

Wildlife at the Allotment - Mammals

Apart from foxes you may not see many mammals at the allotments.

We do have hedgehogs, bats, field voles, mice and rats. The last of which most of you would find very unwelcome!

Cats sometimes venture in and you may occasionally see a squirrel.

Unfortunately, apart from hedgehogs, most of the mammals that reside on our sites are regarded as a nuisance!

Whether they dig holes, thus disturbing our precious seedlings, or eat our peas and beans, their presence is very often not welcome.

Keeping the allotment sites tidy helps, but it would be impossible to keep them all out. So what can we do to minimise damage?



Allotment Paths

Paths between plots must be maintained so that they can be used by the tenants of the plots bordering them. At the present time there are many neglected pathways between plots, some of which are quite hazardous. We have volunteers helping with the main paths by mowing them on a regular basis but they cannot be expected to look after the paths between plots.

The stewards at Tomswood recently sent a report to all tenants outlining some of the problems. Please work with your allotment neighbours to bring your paths into good order.



Numbers

- Do you know the number of your plot?
- Is it displayed at the front of your plot?

If you answered YES to the above two questions - **WELL DONE**



Skips

Both New North Road & Tomswood have had two skips recently.



This has resulted in a massive amount of rubbish being cleared from the sites. A large amount was carpet which some of our newer allotmentees had unearthed from below the weeds!

Well done to all who have made their plot tidier.

What a novel way of numbering an allotment plot! **Can you do better?**

During the rest of this year the stewards will be looking for the 3 most creative numbers. **There may even be a prize!**

Growing Sweet Peas

A screen of Sweet Peas could look fabulous on your allotment. They could hide a composting area or provide a secluded spot for you to sit. But remember they are toxic!



Volunteers Always Needed

Can you spare some time to help?

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