

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 25th November 2017

14.00 – 16.00

The Stockade (Scout Hut), David's Way Hainault IG6 3BQ

Refreshments following the meeting



Look at how much has been done on this plot! A month ago it was completely overgrown with couch grass, thistles, brambles, neglected bushes and a large tangled grapevine. It was full of rubbish and was generally a real eyesore. The new plot-holder is determined to have it ready for full cultivation by spring. Her progress will be reported on in future Newsletters ... **watch this space.**

Green Waste Compost

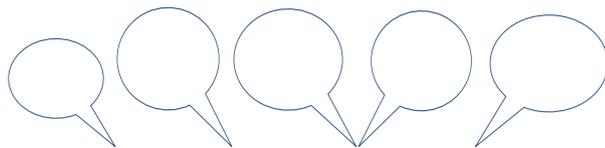
As it is no longer possible to have manure delivered to the Tomswood Site we will be having a delivery of green waste compost at the end of November. This will be available for all plot-holders to use on their allotments. Although the compost is free, we have to pay for the delivery. Please let us know

how good it is so that we can decide whether to order it again.

We are also receiving free woodchip that can be used as a mulch or added in small quantities to your compost bin.



Definition of an **allotment**:
a small part of a larger piece of ground or plot of land rented to an individual for **cultivation** of fruit and vegetables.



WHY DO YOU HAVE AN ALLOTMENT?

It would be really interesting to know your main reason for having an allotment

- grow your own fruit & vegetables
- relax
- escape from the hustle and bustle
- exercise or keep fit
- don't have a garden
- socialise
- something to do
- peace of mind
- mental well-being
- cheap hobby
- it's fun
- dad/grandad had one
- it's the latest trend



November Jobs

Apart from clearing and digging the ground, this is the time to sort out your paths, repair greenhouses and sheds and plant bare-rooted fruit bushes, strawberry runners and new rhubarb crowns. Also, you can still plant autumn onion sets, garlic and broad beans.

Protect your Brassicas
Did you know that one pigeon can strip a cabbage plant in less than an hour! So make sure you cover your overwintering cabbages with netting and keep the pigeons off!

You can buy netting in the Allotment Shop...

but hurry

**WINTER CLOSING OF TRADING HUTS
LAST DAY OPEN:**

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

GOODBYE

Sadly, we are bidding farewell to Alan Wagstaff, as he is moving to Suffolk. For the past number of years he has proved to be an effective and well-respected Chairman of the NNR site committee, as well as being Vice-Chair of NHAHA. Alan always carried out his duties with wisdom and humanity.

"Thank you, Alan.
You will be missed."



Try to collect leaves to make your own leaf mould.

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nhaha.org.uk & nnr-allotments.org.uk