

North Hainault Allotment Holders Association & Protection Society Ltd

Members' Newsletter

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BREAK IN

New North Road Allotments had another break in between Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March. The thieves broke into the trading hut AND cut their way into the metal storage container. As ever, it's not so much what was taken (although they did get some stuff), as the damage caused in the process, that has created so much heart ache.

Pam and Sam arrived on Sunday morning, expecting a lively couple of hours with friends and neighbours, having a chat, selling and just enjoying being a part of a collective, to find the door and frame ripped off, the shop trashed and the container cut into...it was horrible. It always is!

However, with help from those with skills from both sites, members of NNR hope to get back to normal soon.

Without our marvellous volunteers we, the society, would have had to get an outside contractor in at hideous expense.

THANK YOU to those who have stepped in and offered support, equipment, time and energy to repair the destruction.



Our Social Events Team is up and running!

At the back end of last year, the team:
**Aleks, Andria, Jeannie, Joanne, Julia,
Loretta and Marie** – was formed.

Our aim is to foster community spirit by hosting a number of events where we can all get together, strengthen the bonds between us and generally make the allotment site a nice place to be.

So...what have we been doing so far?
Well, we came up with some ideas – and we're going to try some of them out this year...



18 May - Plant Sale

Hopefully you'll have seen our flyers for the **Plant Sale** at Tomswood. **We really need your help** to make this event a success. We need some stock to sell! **Can you help by growing a few extra plants & cuttings?**

Other dates for your diary...

15 June - The Big Lunch

29 June - Paddock Allotments in Raynes Park

We're thinking of organising a trip to Raynes' Park to see these truly inspiring Allotments (part of the National Garden Scheme).

31 August - Family Picnic

All of these events are open to plot-holders from both Tomswood & New North Road sites



Trading Huts Open
Sundays 10AM to 12 NOON

Photo Competition Results



1st



2nd

Thank you to all who entered our annual photo competition and also to all of you who sent in your votes. We had 39 entries altogether. All the photos will be published on our website and prizes will be awarded soon.



3rd

**The 2019
Photo
Competition
is now open
so get snapping**

April on the Allotment

April is probably the busiest time on the allotment. With increasing temperatures and daylight much more can be achieved. This is the month for planting seed potatoes and for sowing tomatoes, chillies, courgettes, squash, pumpkins, celeriac, aubergines, marrows and cucumbers under cover. Many weeds will start to appear, so keep a check on these, especially the perennials which need to be dug out with their roots. Hoeing will keep down annuals.