



HILL HOUSE ALLOTMENTS HAREFIELD

NEWS LETTER

Growing Together



PLANTING TIME

**COME AND HELP -
WORKING PARTY
30TH MARCH OR 6TH
APRIL - THIS
SUNDAY OR NEXT**

Working party or Social? Great fun & Team Work. Fully inclusive, Start at 10 am, meet by the Diggers Rest. We would like to:

- Trim back plot 29
- Fix leaking pipes
- Litter Picking
- Plant wild flower seeds
- Help Members Plots

Reminder: All plots must be cultivated by the end of April, and each plot holder must grow at least three vegetable varieties per year.

Have you been down to the allotments recently? Many plot holders have already prepared their plots. Don't fall behind—get started!

If you need advice, feel free to ask in the WhatsApp group. Also, remember that the allotment has two rotovators and strimmers available for use. Happy gardening! 🌱

**PLOT
CULTIVATION
IT'S THAT TIME
OF YEAR AGAIN!**

SCHOOL VISITS

After the success of last year's school visit, we're excited to welcome both Year One and Year Two classes to the site this spring. This year, we're expanding the experience by inviting Year Two to visit twice.

The first Year Two group will be on site on 31st March, followed by the second group on 2nd April. During their visit, the children will plant sunflower seeds and vegetables, which they can return to harvest in June or July—giving them a full 'seed to table' experience!

Year One will be visiting on 8th May, where they'll take part in a bug hunt and get the chance to meet Helen's amazing chickens.

A huge thank you to the plot holders who have kindly offered to help—these visits wouldn't be possible without your support. The children absolutely love their time on site, and it's wonderful to share the joys of growing food and exploring nature with them!

AGM

A big thank you to everyone who attended the AGM—we had an amazing turnout!

Key Points Discussed:

- New Rotovator – Plans for its use and maintenance.
- Site Report – Updates on the condition and developments.
- Constitution Update – Changes regarding work parties.
- New Bank Account – Financial updates and changes.
- Dogs on Site – Currently under review; must be kept on a lead at all times.
- Plot Allocations – Updates and availability.

If you have any questions or need further details, please get in touch.

NEW ROTOVATOR

Now Available for Plot Holders



We are pleased to announce that a brand-new rotovator is now available for use at Hill House Allotments, thanks to a generous donation from the Harefield Horticulture Society.

This powerful and easy-to-use machine is available to all plot holders to help with soil preparation and maintenance.

To use the rotovator, you will need to arrange a brief introduction with one of the committee members, who will show you how to operate it safely and provide access to the machine.

Please clean the machine after use, transport the rotovator to your plot on its transport wheel, do not drive it and spoil the grass walkway. Happy Growing!

FIRST AID

The First Aid Box is located in the toilet block, where you will also find an accident book with tear-out pages. If you require first aid and complete an accident form, please remove the page and pass it to the Secretary for confidentiality.

The first aid kit is checked regularly, but if you use the last of any item or notice something missing, please report it in the WhatsApp group so the committee can replenish stocks.

EVENTS

EASTER TEAS & EGG HUNT



SATURDAY 19TH APRIL
COME AND JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL MORNING
OF EASTER FUN AND GAMES!

CHILDREN CAN ENJOY AN EXCITING EASTER EGG
HUNT, WHILE ADULTS RELAX WITH TEA AND HOT
CROSS BUNS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

DATE: 19TH APRIL TIME: 10AM - 12PM

VE DAY BBQ & QUIZ FRIDAY 9TH MAY



COME AND JOIN US FOR AN
ENTERTAINING EVENING CONSISTING OF BBQ,
QUIZ, ALL BACKED BY A MELODY OF WAR TIME
MUSIC.

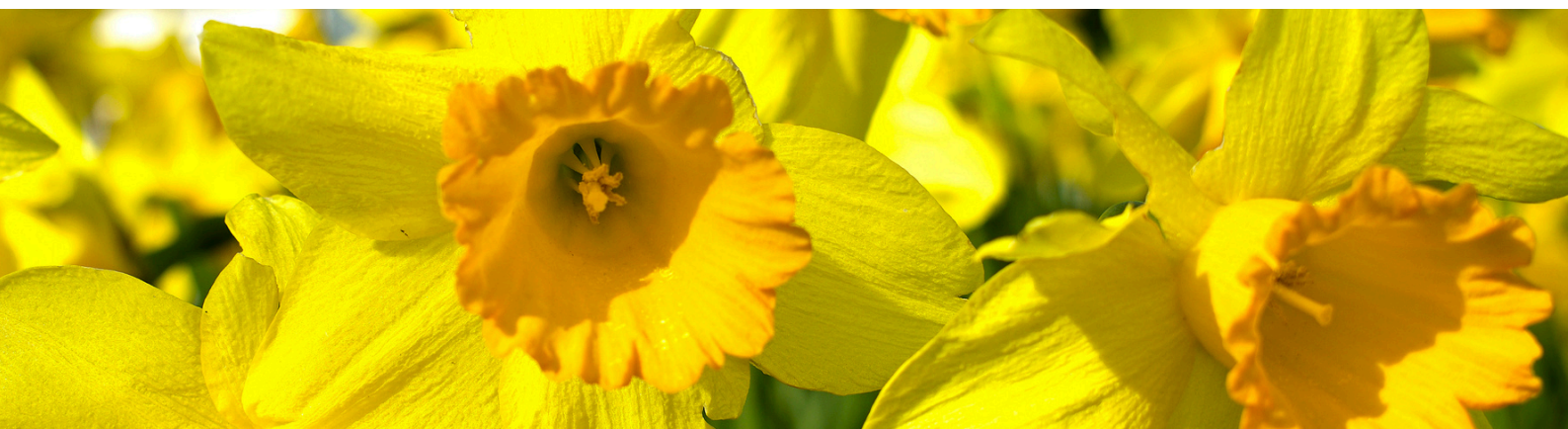
(BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK)

DATE: FRIDAY 9TH MAY TIME: 7PM ONWARDS

Get Planting Ready for our Harvest Competition

- Biggest Pumpkin
- Tallest Sunflower
- Longest Carrot
- Heaviest potato
- Largest Onion
- Best Flower Arrangement
- Most improved Plot
- Best Decorated Shed
- Home Baked Cake Competition
- Best Home made Jam

More Details will come later.



TENANCY AGREEMENTS

Urgent: Tenancy Agreement Renewal Reminder

There are still 13 plot holders who have not yet completed their new Tenancy Agreement. As part of our devolved self-managed allotment site, it is a condition that agreements are renewed annually. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this requirement regardless how long you have had your plot. All completed forms to be returned to the Secretary.

Blank agreements were provided at the AGM and are also available:

📍 On-site (table near Diggers Rest)

📄 To download and print: www.hillhouseallotments.org.uk/plot-holder-resources

📅 **Deadline: Tuesday, 8th April**

Please ensure this is done by the deadline.

BOTTOM GATE

The bottom gate has been left unlocked several times. If you use the gate, please make sure you lock it.

If you have a near by plot, please keep an eye on the gate and make sure its locked please.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

A few photo's from the Christmas wreath making event. Christmas music, mulled wine and good company.



A FEW REMINDERS

>>>> DOGS

Dogs will only be permitted on Allotment Garden sites if they are always kept under proper control. Proper control is defined as a dog being on a lead, muzzled if the dog requires it, and close enough to the person in charge that it can be restrained if necessary or respond immediately to voice commands.

Following investigation, sanctions for breaches to 'proper control' include a 3-month probationary period during which any further dog-related incidents may result in the dog being permanently excluded from the Allotment Garden site and/or the termination of the Allotment Garden Tenancy.

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or via our whatsapp channel

>>>> STRUCTURES

All applications to erect sheds, greenhouses, fruit cages or any other structure must be applied for in writing to the secretary, with a drawing of the plot indicating the location of the structure.

All structures must conform with the Allotment Garden Tenancy Agreement.

>>>> PERSONAL ITEMS

Please remove any personal items that may be left in the communal buildings. Any exceptions should be discussed and agreed with the Chairman and Site Manager.

>>>> FRUIT TREES

Only fruit trees may be planted on Allotment Garden plots. They may only be of dwarf root stock and must only be planted near to the centre of the Allotment Garden. Fruit trees, plants and shrubs must not overshadow or overhang adjoining Allotment Garden plots.

