

Humphrey Park

allotment news

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Committee

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Secretary: Plot 57

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*Committee members
(see list in Pavilion)*

Volunteers Needed

**Working parties for
general tidying up.**

**Working parties for
toilet refurbishments.**

**Working parties to
help clear four
overgrown plots.**

**Jam and Chutney
making parties!**

*If you can offer help please
contact any of the members
named above.*

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Rents:

The committee has increased the price of rents, which will start to bring us into line with Trafford (currently £39 per full plot) and taking into account other costs e.g. Public Liability Insurance and running costs. The rate for 2007/8, due September 2008, will be £35.

Lease/Rent:

The lease is currently under renewal with Trafford Council. The outstanding rents for the site are being calculated and Trafford are in the process of setting the allotment society up on their records to bill us regularly.

Insurance:

Public Liability Insurance has been taken out to cover visitors to the plots. Please note this does not cover individual plot holders.

Improved Toilet Facilities:

The allotment society has received a grant for improving the toilet facilities. A committee has been tasked with completing this work over the winter months to cause as little disruption to those plots holders affected. Trafford have supplied the sanitary ware and volunteers from the plots will assist with the pipe laying to the sewers etc.

Fires:

Complaints have been made to Trafford Environmental Health Department about thick black smoke coming from allotments across the Borough. Please take care when you light one try to avoid any nuisance to neighbours, i.e. check there is no washing out, as there may be a clamp down. Fires are only permitted between October and May.

Straw For Sale:

£1.50 per bale see Roy or Ken Dixon.

Welcome to our first newsletter.

**We plan to produce
four editions a year.**

In order to make the newsletter a success, we need your help!

A very important part of the newsletter will be your contributions. It will help you exchange ideas, tips, advice and recipes.

We would also like to include articles about what is happening on your plot or allotment site.

Stories can be varied, from pest or disease problems, amusing tales, social events or anything else you think may be of interest.

I look forward to receiving your comments and contributions. Feel free to contact me on l.knight@btinternet.com or phone on 0161 865 8310
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what's new?

Recommended websites:

<http://www.doctorgreenfingers.co.uk>

All round good site covering everything you need to know with a "Jobs to do monthly" section.

<http://www.allotments4all.co.uk>

One of the best sites I know for discussing everything connected with flowers, plants, allotments, wildlife, recipes... definitely worth a look!

<http://www.riverford.co.uk>

Excellent simple recipes to use with your produce! If you have any favourites recipes of your own for seasonal veggies, let us know and we could put in an issue of the newsletter!

Site Security/Allotment Watch:

Crimes should be reported to the Police by ringing 872 5050, ask for the "Pad Desk" if you do not require the police to visit. All other calls use the same number and ask for Trafford AOR.

It is important that all crimes, however insignificant, are reported as Greater Manchester Police believe there is little crime committed on allotments due to them not being informed when things do happen.

PCSO/Community Officer:

We have obtained the details for the local PCSOs (Police Community Service Officers) and plan to contact them shortly. We hope to invite them to the allotment site to introduce them to plot holders. Hopefully this will encourage them to visit us as they patrol the area and discourage vandalism and thefts.

Site Shop:

a variety of items are available to purchase on Thursday and Sunday mornings they include slug pellets, ground cover and fertilisers, list in the pavilion. See Roy Dixon or a committee member.

Fund Raising:

As we are a self-managed society there is a need to raise funds to ensure the upkeep of the site and facilities and for any improvements.

■ In May 2008 we hope to hold a bedding plant sale. As well as using a supplier we hope to grow some of our own plants for re-sale so if you have any extra seedlings or plants please let one of the committee members know.

■ Do you know anyone who has a green house they no longer require, we would be happy to take it off their hands? The same applies to paving stones and flags.

■ Also does anyone have any spare green house space either at home or on the site to bring on our home-grown seedlings?

Other fund-raising ideas:

- Car Boot and Plant Sale
- Jams and chutneys
(start saving your jars!)
- Herbs and Plants
- Produce and Rhubarb Sale
(if you have any spare plants let a member of the committee know)
- Plant Tombola

Please tell us if you have any other ideas or suggestions

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