



CHEDDINGTON ALLOTMENTS STEERING GROUP (CASG) NEWSLETTER NO. 2 MAY 2022

Plot Inspections

The first plot inspection was actioned on behalf of the Parish Council by the steering group on Monday 25th April 2022 and it was found that although the majority of plots are in a good condition a number fell below the standards required. As these plots are potentially having an adverse effect on neighbouring plots there is a requirement to send a letter, from the Allotment Warden on behalf of the Parish Council, to each of the 10 plot holders identified requesting details from them of their future intentions regarding their plot.

Old Compost Area Clearance

Recently, the Parish Council had the compost area completely cleared of unwanted compost and rubbish and that there is now a requirement to tidy and weed this area as well as the adjacent bark area and once done covered with a weed repellent fabric or plain cardboard to stop weed regrowth. In order to achieve this a working group will be required so please let the allotment warden know if you would like to be included in this project.

Grass Paths

There is some concern that some grass areas surrounding allotments are becoming overgrown and untidy and in many cases, complaints are being received that the job is not always being shared. Therefore, the plan is that the surrounding areas will be zoned and that each plot holder would have a responsibility for a defined zone. Please watch this space for additional information on this subject.

Bonfires

There appears to be some confusion regarding on site bonfires and therefore, in an effort to clarify, it was agreed that the rules would be amended with immediate effect on a trial basis. Bonfires will now be permissible on a Tuesday or a Thursday but NOT between the hours of 0900-1700 hrs. and providing that the wind is NOT blowing towards the village.

National Allotment Society

It has been noted that some but not all allotment members are aware of the National Allotment Society (NAS) and therefore the Parish Clerk will be reminding all plot holders about this scheme. (Check out NAS website for additional information). All plot holders will be invited to join NAS at the time of renewing their annual membership for the additional fee which is currently in the region of £3 per member.

Facebook Page Update

It is confirmed that the new administrator of the allotment Facebook page is steering group member Jacqui Pursey who will be taking on this new role with immediate effect.

Plot Availability

There are currently 4 plot vacancies on site, so if you are interested in growing your own, then please contact the allotment warden on melcasg@outlook.com requesting an application form.

***Thank You
CPC/CASG***

