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ASH ROAD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Exciting Work on the Site Hut

Some of you may have noticed the building activity around our site hut. The awning and food serving areas are being extended and improved in readiness for social events once COVID restrictions are relaxed. Newer plot holders may not be aware that we usually hold regular events during the summer, including plant sales, coffee mornings, barbeques and a summer show. Hopefully these will be reinstated in due course.



Compost Toilets Out of Action

Sadly, due to a combination of overuse, old age and errors in installation the compost toilets have both malfunctioned. Repairs are ongoing, but the committee would like to make a plea that the compost toilets (once re-opened) be used only in dire urgency! The toilets are valiantly cleaned and maintained by plot holders Val Johnson and Sally Dowell, so please minimize the work they have to do. If at all possible, please employ the old school tactic of bucket and shed, remembering that liquid human waste makes an excellent compost activator!

Bonfires and Weed Disposal

Sadly, we have had several complaints from site neighbours and plot holders about smoky fires. From Saturday 1st May, no fires are permitted onsite before 5pm and the committee have decided to restrict burning days to Wednesdays and Saturdays only. This is due to the health risk from particulates and to pre-empt a potential ban on all allotment fires which we anticipate may arise from Leeds City Council. Please find alternative means of perennial weed and organic waste disposal, including drying or drowning (then add to compost heap), taking to LCC waste sites or taking home for brown bin disposal.

Seed Exchange

Forgot to order seeds or looking for something different? Remember to check our seed exchange boxes under the awning. Also, if you have spares, please make a deposit so that others can use them before they go out of date.



New Committee Members Needed

Please do not hesitate to contact Chris Martin (email: chris.e.martin@ntlworld.com) or any of the other committee members if you might be interested in joining the committee. All newcomers are very welcome.