

Plot Inspections

Liverpool City Council have now requested that allotment Committees carry out regular plot inspections. The Committee are asked to write to people who don't appear to work on their plots. This system operates throughout the city, so please don't blame the Committee if you get a letter, they are just carrying out the rules of the system.

NOTE – are you experiencing any difficulties?

Anyone having difficulty with their plot may speak to a committee member for advice, or if you have a full plot and feel that you would be better able to cope with a smaller area, then arrangements may be possible to split your plot in half.

Reminders

Please show consideration to other plot holders, do not go on to another person's plot without their permission.

The gates must be locked at all times

Dogs brought on to the site must be kept on a lead at all times

You must not water your plot with a hose

Children must be supervised at all times. The Committee and Council try to make the site safe and secure but allotments by nature are hazardous places.

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The Plot

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Open Day and Flower Show

Saturday 23rd August - What will you be entering?



Last years flower show was a big success with 380 entries from 37 people.

We have 68 classes in Vegetables, flowers, baking, preserves, novice, photography, junior and hens eggs - so there is something for everyone.



Don't worry if you've never entered a show before, we have lots of people who will be able to give you help and advice. We also have a novice section which beginners can enter.

We need your help!

Our open days and shows are always a great success but that's only down to the small number of people who give up their time to help out.

We need more volunteers to help us set up the marquees and stalls and help out on the stalls. If you can help out please let a member of the committee know.

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Allotment Competition

This year we entered the Liverpool Annual allotments Competition again. We ask plotholders to nominate their top five plots. The following plots received the most nominations—

Plot 1B/2 - Tony McNee
Plot 30 - Tommy Hall
Plot 52 - Gary Flack
Plot 67 - George Holmes
Plot 72A/73A - John and Ann Morris

Congratulations to Tommy Hall who came fifth and Gary Flack who came eight overall in the city. We came fourth in the best kept allotment site category.

New taps and water pipes

At our last annual general meeting it was suggested that we look into getting new water pipes and additional taps installed around the allotment site. The Committee have been looking into this and have come up with a plan to add 5 additional taps around the allotment site.

Work is scheduled to begin at the end of the summer/early autumn. We'll need people to help dig trenches to lay the new pipes, if you can help please let a member of the committee know.

Number your Plot

In our last newsletter we asked every plotholder to make sure that their plot is clearly numbered. Lots of plots still don't display their number and this is one of the things the allotment judges take into consideration.

Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **Sunday 12th October at 11.00am**. At the AGM we will elect the officers and committee members for the coming year. We are always looking for new people to join the committee, let us know if you're interested.

Thinking about keeping hens?



We first allowed hens to be kept on the allotments in 2009 but before we did we made sure that an agreement was drawn up which plotholders would have to sign.

This was to make sure that hens we cared for in the right way and don't cause a nuisance or encourage vermin.

You must be willing to visit the allotments everyday to feed them and make sure they have fresh water and make sure that the coop is cleaned regularly and the birds are fit, healthy and free from pests and disease.

Anybody who wants to keep hens must get permission from the committee before they erect a coop and agree to sign up to the agreement.

Theft from plots

Unfortunately we've recently seen theft of produce from peoples plots again. Strawberries and blackberries have been stolen recently. Last year many people were victims of theft.

We believe that the person who is stealing has a plot on the site, if you see anything please let a member of the committee know.