

# Highgate Allotments Association Newsletter

## December 2015

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**A big welcome** to new tenants and probationers as you prepare your plots for the gardening year to come.

### **New committee elected at AGM**

A new committee was elected at the Association AGM on 15 October. They were appointed to the posts below at the subsequent Committee Meeting on 15 November.

Committee Chair: rotated among members of the Committee

Site Secretary: **Simon Hewitt**

Shed Shop Manager: **Jim Greenhill**

Committee Secretary: **Hilary Laurie**

Lettings Officer: **Karen Fitzsimon**

Waiting List Manager/Haringey Forum rep: **Geoffrey Kemball-Cook**

Membership Secretary and newsletter: **Maggy Meade-King**

Probationer Support Officer: **Dan Hackett**

Site Security and Maintenance Manager: **Angelo Guarino**

Compost and chippings deliveries + Rubbish Removal: **David Gittings**

120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Co-ordinator: **Marc Haynes**

The in-coming Committee wish to thank Julia Doyle and Sarah Frame for their good work on the previous Committee and, in particular, Julia for her many years of service to the HAA.

**The AGM minutes are now available on the Association website:**

<http://www.highgate-allotments.org/documents/>

### **Compost and chippings deliveries**

If you have been down to the allotments recently, you will have noticed that fresh wood chippings have been delivered – they make a useful mulch and are excellent for making paths less slippery in the winter. These deliveries are dependent on local tree surgeons having chips available, but the Council rations the number of compost deliveries and rubbish collections we may have.

The next delivery of free eco-compost from the Council will take place between 8 and 10 am on **Friday, 19 February, 2016**. Plotholders are asked to restrict themselves to 10 barrow loads or less, to ensure that there is enough for those who are unable to get down to the allotments until the weekend. The next rubbish collection will be in the Spring.

## **What sheds and greenhouses can be constructed**

A number of new ploholders have asked what sheds, greenhouses and poly tunnels can be constructed on their allotments. So here are the Council rules that must be followed:

- Each tenant may construct one each of the following structures - shed, greenhouse and poly tunnel;
- Sheds and greenhouses must not exceed 2.5mx2.0m and poly tunnels 5.0mx3.0m;
- All of these together must not exceed 25% of the overall plot size;
- Tenants should carefully consider the location of these structures and discuss with their neighbours if there is a possibility of causing shade;
- Proposals should be emailed to [Highgateallotments@outlook.com](mailto:Highgateallotments@outlook.com) and a committee member will discuss your request with you before sending a recommendation to the Haringey Allotment Officer;
- The Allotment Officer will send confirmation and permission to build.

N.B. These regulations have been brought in in recent years but are not enforced retrospectively, so older members may have larger or more numerous structures. When new tenants take over these plots, these larger structures will have to be removed.

## **Haringey Allotments and size of new plots**

Splitting large plots in half is now the default positing for letting new plots in Haringey. This and other interesting info on the progress to a devolved management model for Haringey allotments, named co-workers and oversized sheds can be found in the Haringey Allotments Forum Minutes on our website.

## **Parking on the allotments**

Another reminder that only those with a disabled badge may bring a vehicle onto the allotments. Otherwise, tenants may drive in to pick up or deliver large items only.

**Happy Winter Solstice everyone** and may you enjoy a well-earned rest from your labours.

***This newsletter has been produced by the Highgate Allotments Association Committee. You can contact anyone on the Committee via [highgateallotments@outlook.com](mailto:highgateallotments@outlook.com) .***

*The minutes of our meetings and many other useful documents –about the running of the allotments (inc application forms) - as well as some inspiring photos - are available on our website: <http://www.highgate-allotments.org> .*

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