

BROOK ROAD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019

Welcome all members to a new year of growing and I hope we have a better year than last season with the weather being a bit kinder. I also welcome all new members to the site and hope you enjoy the experience. Don't forget if you need any help and advice you are quite welcome to contact any of the committee members or use our Facebook page to seek information.

This year the committee would like to make an effort to try and win best site in Bournemouth - we have been runner up for the last three years, I think it's about time we won it again. To enable us to achieve this we hope to plant more flowers around the site and we hope from your point of view that you can help to keep the site tidy.

FENCES:

Following on from the above it has been noted that many of the fences erected on/around plots are becoming untidy. We have no objection to members erecting fences but they must be kept in good order. In early March we will be conducting a check on all fences on site, firstly to decide what fence belongs to which plot and then those we deem to be untidy will be sent a letter asking members to repair or remove the fence. Failure to comply will result in the committee removing them.

GATE BOLT:

To reiterate what was said at the AGM, the gate bolt must be closed every time you enter and exit the site. We are very aware of security because of recent events, hence the security cameras and replacing the bolt ensures greater security should the gate be rammed, which has happened in the past.

DOGS:

I must again remind you, that although we are happy to have dogs on site, they must be kept on leads at all times and remain on the owner's plot whilst on site. There have been reports of dogs fouling other members plots and this is not acceptable.

LANE APPROACH TO SITE:

It has been reported that people from the flat next to the approach lane have been approaching members complaining of their speed. I should be grateful if speed could be kept to a minimum of 10mph in the lane as there are children playing and used by dog walkers.

WATER TAPS:

The committee would be grateful if those members with water taps on their plot could possibly cover the tap with an old compost bag to stop the tap freezing during bad weather. We hope to lag all the taps during this year to avoid it happening in future.

SITE MAINTENANCE:

When we obtain a new lease from the Council part of it will mean we will be responsible for the maintenance of the site. We do have work parties during the year to keep the place tidy, but we cannot do it all. Members could aid us during the year and save us money if those that have plots on the roadway facing the fence could spend a short time keeping the edge tidy. I thank those that already do a good job on this. Also, those plots that back onto the hedge on the right from the entrance. We would be grateful if members on these plots could keep the hedge cut back, again to save us time and money. Please note that this should not be cut from mid March to end of July to avoid disturbing bird nesting.

That's all from me for now, happy gardening.

Dave Mead

Chairman