

BROOK ROAD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2020

I apologise for the late issue of the Spring Newsletter, but due to the corona virus no committee meeting has been held and therefore no discussions or decisions have been made to report on. Nonetheless it is felt that I should let you all know that we still exist and are working on your behalf. As there is no likelihood of holding a meeting in the near future, I have made this the summer issue as well.

I firstly must thank you all for the way you have applied yourselves to the rules surrounding corona virus which has enabled us to cause no concern to the authorities. Now that the lockdown restrictions are beginning to be eased it is still important that we do not drop our guard. We can, from the 4th July, distance from 1 metre although this should be regarded as a minimum and stand further apart unless unable to do so. We must still continue to wash our hands for 20 seconds or use sanitizer after using the gate padlock.

Those who have the virus or are in lockdown due to contact with others should not attend the site and we would be grateful if the secretary (secretary@braaonline.uk) can be informed of your non attendance so we do not become concerned that your plot is not being cultivated.

The only people allowed on your plot are those from your own household although 1 other person from your "bubble" can also attend. If you bring children to the site they must remain on your plot at all times. If they need to use the toilet they should be accompanied by an adult.

As soon as I have any changes to the rules I will inform you as soon as possible.

We have certainly had a difficult year, so far, not only do we have the virus to contend with but the weather has been repeatedly unkind to our hopes of growing decent crops. I am very glad to see, that despite this, our site appears to be in great condition and I congratulate you all for doing such great work.

Now for just a few items to take note of :-

1. Please do not return anymore empty milk bottles to the shop. We have plenty at the moment so please get rid of them yourselves.
2. I must remind all members that we have a 10mph speed limit on site. There are children on site who can pop out of anywhere and older members that are not that mobile and accidents can easily happen. Please take this seriously as the committee take a dim view of speeding and could result in your dismissal.
3. We have a number of half plots available for next year and if you would like one please contact the Secretary to be put on the list for a larger plot.
4. It is regrettable that we have had to cancel the Open Day and Summer Show this year due of course to the virus. Hopefully we will be back with it next year.
5. As you may remember at the AGM, we had agreed to provide facilities for members to give surplus crops, if they wished, to give to the homeless. Unfortunately again due to the virus we have had no instructions from the council on how to proceed. Therefore this facility is not available at the present time. However, if you personally

wish to contribute there is a place on the Turbury Park Industrial Site called Hope for Food who will be pleased to accept any surplus crops you may wish to donate.

Well that's all for now, I hope you have a great growing season and if you have a problem please don't hesitate to contact me (chairman@braaonline.uk)

Thanks

Dave Mead
Chairman