**BROOK ROAD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

**SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022**

Welcome to a new season of growing vegetables, especially all new members. I hope you have a pleasurable experience this year. We are not off to an auspicious start with the weather changing every day and we certainly do not want any more frosts. Hopefully it has now settled down and we can get on with planting.

Firstly I would like to remind members that should you be unable to attend your plot for a period of time for any reason, that they inform the Secretary of their non attendance so that this can be taken into consideration when plot inspections take place. We would grateful for your co-operation, as this not only cuts down our time issuing unnecessary warnings but also stops any bad feelings when they are received.

There are a few matters I would like to bring up that requires your attention:-

1. SLUG PELLETS

It is now against the law (from 1/4/2022) to use slug pellets with the pesticide called Metaldehyde in them as they are a risk to birds and  mammals such as hedgehogs. You should no longer be able to buy such products and if you have any left you should dispose of them correctly and not use them on your plot. There are still products for sale without that pesticide.

1. SITE SHOP

The site shop is now open for trading using either cash or card. It will be open 7 mornings a week generally between 9 and 11 am with some exceptions. Please look for the flag flying above the shop which indicates it is open. Orders will still be taken on line if you prefer.

1. PARKING

Members using the car park on the right of the entrance gate should be careful when reversing and not drive over the plots that  back onto the car park. This is causing some dismay with the plot holders and cannot be tolerated

1. SITE TAPS

It has been noted that some taps are being left on. I suspect this is because some members have turned on the tap, found it not working and then not turned it off. Hopefully the new water times of 8am till 10pm will stop this. Please make sure taps are turned off and hoses removed when you are finished.

1. WORKING PARTY

There will be a working party this weekend (23rd and 24th May) between 10am and 12am for the purpose of tidying the site. I hope members can spare a bit of their time to help. Thank you in advance.

1. COFFEE MORNINGS

We are pleased to announce that the Committee is reinstating the monthly Coffee Mornings. The first one will take place on Sunday 8th May  2022 between 10 and 12 am and will be followed by one on 12th June 2022. These will be held at the site office with tables and chairs outside if the weather is good or inside, if not. We think this will be a great chance for members to meet each other or to ask questions and gather information from the committee. Hope you can all attend for coffee/tea and cakes.

Finally I am pleased to announce that after 2 years we will be holding an Open Day and Show this year. A date has been set for Sunday 14th August 2022 between 12 and  3pm. Further information will be issued over the next few months. Please put this date in your dairy and hope the weather is fine and we get a large attendance.

Thank you for taking the time to read the above.

Dave Mead

Chairman

21/4/2022