

Harvest Supper Cancellation,

Having discussed this with others, the Leominster Allotment Association Committee feel that this event will not be able to take place for the following reasons: the whole ethos of a Harvest Supper is to share and socialise and with the “rule of six” and other Government restrictions this would not be able to happen. Also, many regular attendees might be shielding or feel nervous about participating in this type of event.

Harvest Supper 2021 is now booked for October 8th so let us look forward to and hope for better times ahead!

Plant Fayre Report

On Saturday 19th September Leominster Allotment Association had a stall at the Plant Fayre that was held on The Grange. The warm and sunny day encouraged many people to come along and see what stalls had to offer, to purchase items being sold or just chat and ask for advice.

Thank you to everyone for their donations of plants, produce and preserves. Also, thank you to Viv for spending her day helping to sell all of these items.

After paying for the hire of the pitch and Public Indemnity Insurance, there was a 68 profit.

Allotment Site inspection -Wednesday September 23rd

The following questions were raised for discussion at the site meeting and below is the latest update.

Can plot holders have bonfires?

Bonfires are allowed but are to be used for the burning of materials from the Allotment Garden, such as diseased plants or dried out organic material. Bonfires must be attended at all times and must not be a nuisance to others. They are permitted between 15.00 and 19.00 (see Tenancy Agreement, Schedule 1, point 5 .3)

What is happening about the water leak by plot 51?

Waiting for a quote to be sanctioned by the Council and then three metres of pipe will be used to replace the shattered pipe.

Will the hedge bordering Ginhall Lane be cut?

This hedge will be cut when the Lengthsman has given a quote for this work and it has been agreed.

When will the Compost loo be reopened?

There is an issue on how to ensure the toilet can be safely reopened as Government guidelines state there needs to be “good hand hygiene by making hand sanitiser available on entry to toilets where safe and practical, and ensuring suitable handwashing facilities including running water and liquid soap and suitable options for drying (either paper towels or hand driers) are available. This advice would not be easy to follow.

In line with the Covid ruling regarding all public toilets in Leominster, the compost toilet will remain closed until this situation changes.

New Toilet facilities for the disabled.

This is being investigated at the moment as a variety of types are possible but each with their own issue of management and cost.

Payment for plot and Leominster Allotment Association membership.

This is in hand and people should very soon receive relevant documents.

Vacant plots are in the process of being allocated to new plot holders

Neglected looking plots and areas

Permission has to be given before any other party can enter a plot belonging to someone else.

Plot holders are contacted to see if assistance can be offered as there are still some who are unable, for a variety of reasons, to tend their plot, including the fact that some of these areas are affected by flooding caused by the broken pipe. The outcome of the proposed repairs should have an impact on this.

Council Compost Area

This area will be cleared so that more plots, including an easy access plot, can be created. Please refrain from using this area as it will take even longer to complete this task because of the additional and non-compostable material that is being dumped here.

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