

## **Leominster Allotment Association Newsletter – February 2021**

Dear plot holders,

Because of the current Covid situation the proposed March committee meeting was cancelled. Consequently, any updates and information will be included in this newsletter.

**Vacant plots** - There are 6 vacant plots.

**Number of people on waiting list for plot** - 30 people are on the waiting list.

**Former recycling area** - The Council intend to scrape the former recycling area with a digger and remove the bulk so that this area can provide more plots. The plot nearest to the car park will be turned into an accessible plot but, as funding is needed to install a toilet for the disabled, this could take a while.

**When can the compost loo be reopened?**

Unfortunately, the situation remains unchanged. As there is no facility to clean this and hand gel should not be kept in the toilet as it is flammable, it is difficult to put a time on this at the moment.

**Appointment of a new Environmental Services Officer** - The person who holds this post helps manage the Allotment site for the Town Council. This vacancy has been advertised and the closing date for this is February 21<sup>st</sup> 2021. It is hoped that the successful applicant will be able to commence employment in March 2021 (Allowing for the fact that they may have to give notice to their current employer.)

**Kings Seed Catalogue orders** - The arrival of the majority of seed orders was very welcome Thanks to John, Jane and Glenys for making sure the orders were processed and distributed to everyone.

**Partnership with Leominster in Bloom** - Many people will have appreciated all the effort that L.I.B volunteers have put into creating lovely floral displays to enhance our town. L.I.B is supporting The Meeting Place and Echo Priory to plant the Priory Car Park with a variety of vegetables and flowers. If any plot holders have spare seedlings or plants, they could donate for this cause than I am sure they would be much appreciated. In order to do this please contact 01568 612047 or 07803350631.

**Leominster in Bloom It's Your Neighbourhood Application** - L.A.A Committee members expressed an interest in taking part in L.I.B (Leominster in Bloom) as the allotments are so important to many members of our community, especially since Covid restrictions, and to raise awareness and recognition of all the amazing work that plot holders carry out to create such varied and productive plots. This award also considers the environmental and social impact of the allotments. This year the judging will be a virtual event. Romey, will be delighted to come along to a meeting, when these are able to take place, to answer questions and give advice regarding any projects that could benefit all interested parties.

**Plot payment due date** - Invoices will be sent out in April. Amounts due are as follows: full sized plot £100, half plot £50, quarter plot £25, mini plot £5.

**Allotment Association Membership** - payment is also due in April. Having A.A. membership is beneficial as it provides insurance cover should you have an injury while working on your plot. It also means that you can order seeds that are a very reasonable price, from Kings, through Leominster Allotment Association. Good value for money in the opinion of L.A.A Committee members!

**L.A.A Committee Meetings** - In normal circumstances these would take place once every couple of months. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss any issues regarding the allotments. Subjects for discussion can be raised by plot holders or the Town

Council, as appropriate. These meetings usually last for at least an hour and all plot holders are welcome to attend.

We are hopeful that the changing Covid situation will allow the A.G.M. to take place. This is when any interested parties can be co-opted onto the Committee and Committee Members for 2021/ 22 are elected. (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer etc.) It would be advantageous if more people were able to become involved as they can bring new ideas and a different perspective in having a say on the management of the allotments.

**Proposed meetings and Future events subject to Covid 19 situation.**

May Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> A.G.M.

May Plant Fayre

July Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

September Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

September Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Plant Fayre

October Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper

November Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Happier times ahead now that there are signs of Spring and the Covid situation is improving. Hopefully, a social gathering of some description will be allowed to take place at the allotments this summer.

**From L.A.A. Committee**

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