

Information for All Plot Holders at Alwins Field & Weston Avenue Allotments

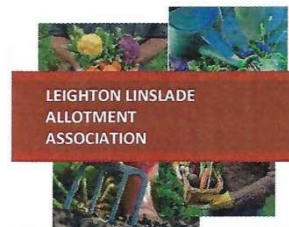
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...The Treasures Scribble...



Wow, what weather, so it's all hands to the pump (pun intended) watering the Plots albeit we did have a pretty dramatic downpour on the 12th eh.

Just to say I hope you find this edition informative with some positive snippets in among the

Early Starters

In late April the Robins Reception class from The Rushmere Park Academy came to visit Weston Avenue.



The weather was not perfect but the children had a great time exploring and learning about what we do. Two plot holders kindly allowed the children to tour their plots and they completed a scavenger hunt sheet. They then took part in planting potatoes and sowing carrot, pea and flower seeds in raised beds. Plot holders at WA may have noticed the plants growing in the raised beds adjacent to the toilet plot.

The children will return before the end of the summer term for a tour of the site and to harvest their crops. They are very excited about returning! The crops are growing well, though the carrots have come up in a far from uniform manner! The plot holder guides were thrilled having the children show so much interest at such an early age.

Please be Careful



Please, just a reminder that the allotment sites can be dangerous places so if you do bring your children on to site, which is fantastic to see, please ensure they stay off plots and are supervised when using the toilets etc. Many thanks.

Date For The Diary

This year's Macmillan coffee morning at WA will take place Friday 15th and Saturday 16th of September. Specific timings will follow in due course.

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Volunteer Services

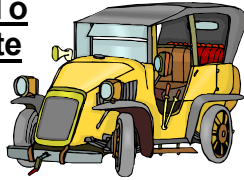
Thanks To The Brave Volunteers

Many thanks to those LLAA members at WA who have volunteered to join the monthly toilet cleaning rota.

This is not a pleasant task but one that would be considerably more unpleasant if cleaning were done less regularly.

It would be great if there were any volunteers at AF to paint the community shed. The small shed has already been treated. If you are not keen on DIY then the garden area near the community shed needs attention. Please contact rosie.palmer5@btinternet.com if you can help in any way as any help, however small or large, is appreciated..

Vehicular Access To Weston Avenue Site



If you need to bring a vehicle on site and therefore need the left hand gate opened you can arrange this by contacting the following committee members:-

Phil Jones 07540 464755
Simon Marshall 07867 492300

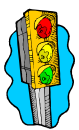
However, **please** adhere to the following:-

- Please pre arrange access with key holders. They are rarely available to attend with a key at a moment's notice so arranging a few days beforehand is much more likely to avoid disappointment.
- Do not leave your vehicle on site. Drive on, load/unload and then please drive off immediately.
- Please don't ask for access immediately after rainfall, snow, frost etc. We don't want the pathways getting churned up or you getting stuck. It has happened!

Love Thy Neighbours



Please keep the pathways around your plot tidy and cut to a reasonable level. It's appreciated that all the paths are shared but joint efforts by neighbours will help to keep both sites tidy and plots accessible.



Green, Amber, Red

Plot inspections have been undertaken by Leighton Linlade Town Council and by now all plot holders should have been informed of their plot's grading. While there are still too many plots not being worked, albeit some for significant reasons, it is fantastic that so many plots are in such good shape.

AF Padlocks

You will have noticed that the entrance gates padlocks have now been chained to the gates. Unfortunately, this was necessary as we had instances of padlocks going missing.



Break-in's & Vandalism

Unfortunately, yet again there have been further break-in's at WA. It would appear that this time intruders were after hand held petrol equipment, tools and petrol. They came armed with the equipment to break into sheds.

Subsequently a joint inspection of the WA site was undertaken on 13 May 2023 with attendees from the LLAA, Leighton Linlade Town Council, CBC Safer Neighbourhood Offices and Bedfordshire Police.

Their findings will be circulated in due course.

However, for now you are advised, wherever possible, to remove attractive equipment from site along with fuel that you may keep in your shed and bring it on site as and when you need it.

There was also an episode of vandalism at Alwins Field when both window panels on the community shed were broken, several of the ornaments in the garden area damaged and items near the shed were thrown about. This could have happened when the gate was left wide open but it wasn't spotted until later.

Leaving the gates unlocked is an issue for both sites and we don't want to be inviting avoidable trouble so please, please, please, lock the gates every time you pass through them.

Your LLAA Committee Members Are:-

If you want to speak to a committee member on site then this is where to find us: -

Barnaby Adams	WA 48A
Peter Bate	WA 77A
Phil Jones	WA 27B
Avril & Simon Marshall	WA 90A
Mark McGarvie	WA 27A
Rosie Palmer	AF 24A
Elaine Piggott	AF 3A
Rob Salisbury	WA 50A
Jim Whitaker	WA 19A

Or email: - membership@llaa.org.uk