

Waltham Allotment News

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Dear Plotters,

Thankfully we have had a week of sunshine and hopefully, the allotments will start to dry out, and we can make a start on preparing for the new season. We received good news this



week as The Parish Council has been successful in their bid for National Lottery Community funding to purchase a WooWoo Kazuba



waterless toilet for the Station Road allotments.

This will be a great resource for both allotment holders and visitors to the new cemetery. Work will begin shortly on clearing the plot next to the water tap in readiness for situating the new toilet.

Tenants on Ings Lane Allotments, who use the entrance from Ashlea Court care home will have noticed that a new bridge has been installed, which is not only much safer, but the Council have also cleared back some of the shrubs and so the entrance is much clearer.



The Waltham in Bloom volunteer group, who look after most of the planted areas in the village, are going to organise a seed and plant library. All residents of Waltham will be invited to donate plants and seeds, and these will be made available for residents to take or share. If you have any spare plants or seeds, then please drop them into the Parish Office. Details about the location of the plant library will be posted on Facebook.

In the meantime, keep planting.

Clr Heather.

Dates for your Diary

Rents for 2026-27

to be paid by Easter Monday - 6th of April

Skips for both sites 2026

Saturday 11th April—Sunday 12th April

Saturday 17th October —Sunday 18th October

One extra skip as required

Inspection Dates 2026

Wednesday 18th March

Wednesday 20th May

Wednesday 15th July

Wednesday 23rd September

Plots to Let

There are vacant plots on both sites. Please make enquiries with the Parish Office.



Waltham Allotments—Tenants Group

Have you joined the Facebook Page for Waltham Allotment tenants?

All tenants are encouraged to join.

The Parish Council use it to inform tenants of latest news and it's a useful way to share ideas, problems and give advice.

A big shout out to one of our good Samaritans on Ings Lane allotments.

Tenants on Ings Lane allotments will have noticed the dramatic change that has taken place to plot 40. The plot was probably the



most overgrown on the site with brambles covering most of the plot. The

plot has not been touched for at least 3 years and any prospective tenant found it too large and a daunting prospect but thanks to Mr Paul Lowe, who has spent several weeks digging over the full plot, we can now hopefully let the plot to a new tenant. It is this generosity of spirit that allows the allotment to remain the beautiful, community centred oasis in the centre of our village. If any other tenants feel they would like a 'work-out', then please speak to one of the members of the working group and we will point you in the right direction.

Cultivator with various attachments

Cllr Peter Woodliff has a cultivator with various attachments, that he no longer requires. If you are interested, then please contact Peter on the following number:

Jobs to do in March

Plant onion sets and shallots.

Start weeding your plot

**Warm the soil and force early crops like
rhubarb**

Feed cabbages and other brassicas

Sow beetroot, broad beans and salads

**Chillies and peppers can be started under
cover.**

Some Handy tips from Rachel, one of our long-standing tenants.

NETTLE TEA / COMFREY TEA

(high in nitrogen and a substitute for general tomato feed, good for leaf growth and health). Pick nettle leaves (or comfrey leaves before flowering) and roughly chop and put in a bucket.

Cover over with water and weigh down with brick to keep fully submerged.

Put lid on and leave out of the way for about 4 weeks. The smell is not pleasant.

Strain into bottles.

Dilute 1:10 water for use.

Use every 1-3 weeks (every 2 weeks for Comfrey tea) depending on growth period.

EPSOM SALTS

(high in magnesium, good for soil health, leaf colour and fruit/flower size).

Add 2 tablespoons per 4.5 litres of water.

Use sparingly, no more than once per month.

It's a boost, not a fix all!

GARLIC SPRAY FOR SLUGS

Put 2 whole bulbs in 2 litres of water in a pan.

Boil gently until soft, then mush with a fork and release as much garlic juice as possible.

Seive.

Dilute 2 tablespoons in 5 litres of water

You can add a dash of washing up liquid to help it stick to the plant.

Spray plants weekly

Spray more often or lower the dilution in wet weather.