



Waltham Allotment News



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Dear Plotter,

The days are getting shorter and colder but there is still plenty to harvest on the allotment. What a great year it has been for fruit but this has to be one of the driest years that I can remember, and so whilst we had a good start to the year for planting, keeping crops watered throughout the summer was certainly a challenge.

Towards the end of the summer we held the competition for the longest parsnip and the longest runner bean. Tanya, who took on a plot on Ings Lane this year was delighted to find that she had grown the longest runner bean measuring 31cm. No doubt she has already used her Pennells voucher on something for the allotment.

Some of you will already know that I am giving up my allotment this year. I have been busy creating a kitchen garden at home and this will enable me to spend more time on Waltham in Bloom projects. Alongside Waltham Gateway Academy, we have just submitted a lottery bid for a polytunnel to be based at the school and to be shared with the WIB group. Part of the funding will also be used to develop a plot on Station Road that the school are renting and will be made suitable for wheelchair use. Fingers crossed we are successful. In the meantime you will still see me on the allotments as part of the allotment working group.

Cllr Heather.



Dates for your Diary

Rents for 2025-26

to be paid by Easter Monday - 21st of April

Skips for both sites 2025

Saturday 12th April—Sunday 13th April

Saturday 18th October —Sunday 19th October

One extra skip as required

Inspection Dates 2025

Wednesday 12th March

Wednesday 14th May

Wednesday 16th July

Wednesday 15th October

REMINDER

As you clear your allotment please remember the skip is for 'allotment rubbish' ie no tyres or asbestos. Also please do not overfill the skip.



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.



Developments at Station Road

The Parish Council are often asked by tenants on Station Road if it is possible to install a toilet. With the building of the new cemetery next door to the allotments the Parish Council have agreed to apply for lottery funding for installation of a toilet at the site.

Several options have been considered and after



talking to and visiting other allotment sites the Parish Council are considering a Kazuba eco toilet. These toilets have become famous for unique evaporation/drying mechanism which works with no need for water, electricity or chemicals. This, coupled with the surprisingly low maintenance and high capacity, makes Kazuba the premium eco-friendly alternative to a normal “flushing” toilet, especially in situations where the toilet is used more than just a few times a day.

The Council are currently looking at the best site for the toilet in consideration of the new cemetery plans and with planning permission will then submit a bid to the Awards For All Funding.

Introducing pollinator plants to your allotment.

I often hear plotters say ‘I only grow things I can eat’. We must remember however, that without pollinating plants we wouldn't be eating very much. So this winter, when you are planning your allotment, leave a bit of space for some pollinating plants. Not only will they add colour to your allotment but they will attract plenty of wildlife.

Jobs for October

- Harvest any remaining green tomatoes to make chutney.
- Pull up any summer cropping plants and add them to the compost.
- Plant onions and garlic.
- Protect your cabbages, sprouts and broccoli plants.
- Start sowing F1 Mozart and cauliflower F1 Seoul to overwinter under a cloche or in a cold frame.
- October is the perfect month to move fruit bushes and trees.
- If the soil is acidic then plant blueberries.
- Late autumn is ideal to plant out a new strawberry bed.
- October and November are good months to plant out new rhubarb crowns.