



NADCAA

Newton Abbot & District Co-Operative Allotment Association

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



Rent Day - Saturday November 7th at Decoy Field 10am-1pm. for anyone who can only pay by cheque, strict social distancing rules will apply. With Covid-19 infections rising across the Country please follow the instructions for paying your rent, and if you can please pay on line or ask a family member in your bubble to pay for you and reimburse them. Please read the email sent last week for full instructions. Thank you.

PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS.

1st Mrs C. McManus. Bradley Field £20 prize.

2nd Kevin Johns. Decoy Field £10.00 prize

3rd. Chris Callard. Decoy Field. £5.00



The competition was judged by Andrew Cooper Naturalist & Wildlife Photographer. All the entries were amazing so thank you to everyone who participated. The photos can be viewed on our website under Newsdesk/News/ 2020 Photo Competition Results or follow this link - <https://nadcaa.org.uk/2020-photo-competition-results/>

To look at all the entries go to Newsdesk/Gallery on the NADCAA website.



SHOP. Now is the time to put your fruit trees in when the weather turns a bit colder. We have different varieties in stock and we now have blueberries too. We have paraffin available for heating greenhouses in winter, composts to improve the soil and lots more. Now is the time to regenerate your plot.

Wildlife areas. Decoy. The working party were able to start on the second phase of the boggy area of the garden and others tidied up the edges, on which. Chris scattered wild-flowers seeds. Coach Rd will progress further now that the sheds have been assessed and timber will be ordered to complete the build before the roofs are replaced. Bradley, Blake's, and Cooke's are tending to the wildlife areas they already have. A representative from Devon Wildlife Trust will be visiting the allotments in mid- October.

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Reminder - Please **do not** use carpets on your allotment to cover the soil.



Bats - Nigel Axford did a bat survey of Cooke's Field and several species were identified: Noctule; Leisler's; Nathusius pipistrelle; Daubenton's; and common Pipistrelle. Our annual Bat Survey with Devon Bat Project will take place on Decoy Field from October 13th-16th. The survey covers not just Decoy but several kilometres around it.

Rents - There was a computer glitch in the system last week which meant that everyone was given the same reference number on their invoice. To follow up on Liz's email please don't use that number, use your field name and plot number as the reference. We are expecting an update of the system next year which hopefully will stop any such glitch in the future.

Skip - Thanks to everyone that helped fill the skip on Friday the 9th. Please bear in mind that if you bring something to the plot then there is no reason why you can't take it home to dispose of it. Skips are becoming very expensive so the more we all take home or to the dump the better for the association.

Newton Abbot Shed Centre - Located at Forches Cross at the far end of the Bernaville Nurseries Car Park. This company has offered all members who produce a Privilege Card a 5% discount. They make a bespoke sheds to your requirements. This is very useful when it comes to security features for allotment sheds i.e. now windows etc.

Post of Treasurer - This is to remind all members that we will need someone to come forward to take up this position in March next year when Anna Taylor steps down. If you can use Microsoft Excel, are organised and have a head for numbers then you could do this job. The Association cannot run without a Treasurer!!

Thank you from the Chairman - As we head into autumn, it is worth reflecting back on what has been an extremely difficult year for many. Several elderly members have been at home shielding or in isolation for many months, to all those that helped keep some of the plots weed free during this time a very big thank you.

Ferai and his team managed to keep the shop open under extreme circumstances to ensure that it remained safe for all concerned. In the period when garden centres were closed, the shop became an essential resource for all members and everyone who made a purchase this year owes a debt of gratitude to Ferai and his team.

Wildlife corridors have been or are in the process of being created on all fields now. If you have watched any of the programmes recently about the perilous state of our wildlife, especially the insect life which is so important to the food chain then you will know why it so important that we create these corridors. I hope to be speaking to Harry Barton CEO of the Devon Wildlife Trust in the next couple of weeks to see what we can come up with to enable allotments to do more for our pollinators.

Thank you.

Meryl Basham. Happy Allotmenting.