



NADCAA

Newton Abbot & District Co-Operative Allotment Association

MAY NEWSLETTER 2021

Reminder!

National Garden Scheme open afternoons on Saturday June 12th and Sunday June 13th on Decoy Field (Covid permitting) Pre booked tickets only via the NGS website - people will go on guided tours to the Wildlife area and The Orchard via the main paths. We would ask that allotment holders be aware that some parking spaces will be reserved for visitors between 1-4.30pm on those days. Find us on <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/37246>

GROWING PUMPKINS THIS YEAR? One of our allotmenters, Rebecca, has asked if anyone would like to donate theirs to young people who attend two specialist schools - Bidwell Brook, Dartington, and Vranth House in Exeter for them to use in creative ways. Please let us know on info@nadcaa.co.uk Thank you.



BEWARE

ASBESTOS. Some people have found asbestos that has been uncovered on their allotments. Please contact us on info@nadcaa.co.uk or ring the Company Secretary on 07804122828 to report it or any material you are not sure of so that our Health and Safety Officer, Simon Wright can dispose of it.

DANDELIONS FRIEND OR FOE? Well, it can be both. The attached link shows you some of the insects/birds that love dandelions, so perhaps we can hold off mowing them as soon as they appear and let the insects and birds enjoy them for a while. An allotment holder suggested we include this in the newsletter- dandelions are an important source for bees and birds. This is a UK link [bumblebees, butterflies, birds & hoverflies all love the dandelion.... | nurturing nature \(nurturing-nature.co.uk\)](#)



NEWT. Emma Scotney, Ecologist from S. W. Lakes, and her team, have recently surveyed the ponds at Decoy Field. The report highlights we have newts in all the ponds. Rare Greater Crested Newts in the large ponds, Palmate and Smooth Newts in the other Wildlife Garden and The Orchard Ponds. They will also be doing a bat survey later in the year.

HEDGEHOGS AND SLUG PELLETS. A dying hedgehog was found on Decoy with blue foam at the mouth, which indicates poisoning. Even organic



help save
the bees



slug pellets cannot be guaranteed to be not harmful. We are asking all allotment holders to not use pesticides/slug pellets that are harmful to insects, amphibians, animals, reptiles, or flowers. Wildlife is in crisis and we need to do our bit to help. Other methods: beer traps, eggshells, sand, copper tape, wool pellets can be used for further info - [Organic Slug Control – The National Allotment Society – National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd \(nsalg.org.uk\)](#) Meryl Basham. Take care

