



NADCAA

Newton Abbot & District Co-Operative Allotment Association

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Our thanks to all of the conscientious members that sent in emails of support last week. The message from the Chairman concerning the need for everyone to show respect to all volunteers especially the Field Managers was an important one. Abusive behaviour and non-cultivation are not acceptable and do not comply with our lease with the Town Council, failure to comply with the Tenancy Agreement is a cause for allotment holders' membership to cease. Thank you also to the Members from other fields who visited the Chairman at Decoy, to specifically to offer their support to both Field Managers and the Committee. To everyone who has taken action to improve their plots thank you, to everyone who has not and have non-cultivation orders by the rules are you have 28 days to get your plot cultivated to the required 75%. Newton Abbot Town council are fully supportive of this action. We are all volunteers on the Committee and we are doing our best to manage the plots fairly and would ask that if you have any complaints or indeed positive comments, please put these in writing to - The Administrator (NADCAA Ltd), c/o Newton Abbot Town council, 43 Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot, Devon. TQ12 1JQ or e mail info@nadcaa.org.uk.

AGM The provisional date of this year's AGM is Saturday September 18th and we have reserved the Recreational Club. We appreciate that Covid-19 is far from over but we need a meeting with the membership as there is much to discuss and decide with several important motions to be voted on. It would be good to know how many of you would feel comfortable attending a physical meeting and we will be arranging a brief questionnaire shortly.

The Orchard For many years an area at Decoy Field was buried under 10 feet of brambles, then, about 15 years ago, we were approached by a group looking for a place to take people with special needs. They took it on, cleared it and made it into a nice learning area but sadly lost their funding. We made a decision to turn it into a learning and social centre for the Association. Field Manager Mike has been leading a group of volunteers who have been improving it supported by some external grant funding. We hope to open this area up this year and further details will be provided soon.

NGS OPEN DAYS

To book -find us on <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/37246>



National Garden Scheme open afternoons on Saturday June 12th and Sunday June 13th on Decoy Field (Covid permitting) Pre booked tickets via the NGS website please - people will go on guided tours to the Wildlife area

and The Orchard (via the main paths) and then on to our shop Manager Ferai's house, which is of a Mediterranean design with lovely nooks to sit in, and great ideas about planting. We would ask that allotment holders on Decoy be aware that some parking spaces will be reserved for visitors between 1-4.30pm on those days, so if you can avoid parking at those times, we would be grateful. We do have some local Councillors coming to visit (our landlords) so we would ask that all members at Decoy try to have the allotments in good order.

All members are welcome but please try to book for the tour as we can only cope with so many people with Covid guidelines re distancing. However, we do have vegetable and flower plant for sale, plus local honey, and cream teas. The shop is always open each week on Wed. 10-12 and 2-4, Sat. and Sun 10.30-12.30



Revamped shop decoration by Theresa.

Fry, Kevin and Mike for upgrading the surrounding area and for painting the shop.



Wildlife on allotments- Many species, some of them more welcome than others. E.g., Cooke's has a problem with rabbits, Decoy with pheasants - both eating the plants. Blake's has seen owls take up residence in their bird box. Woodpeckers have been seen along with butterflies, Bradley and Coach Road members often report sightings of owls and unusual birds. Coach Road Members have been working on their wildlife area with a pond and plants in place now and the social area being built. If you want to help, please contact

Jackie or e mail info@nadcaa.org.uk

There seems to be some confusion as to who is responsible for what when it comes to paths. To clarify - If you stand on the track facing your plot you are responsible for the maintenance of the path at the top, bottom and right hand side of your plot. Your neighbour is responsible for the path on the left of your plot. Paths should be kept clear of unnecessary obstructions.

If anyone has any spare produce, they would like to share with others e.g., Rhubarb please leave at the shop. Take Care and enjoy the sunshine. Meryl Basham

