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Newton Abbot & District Co-Operative Allotment Association

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THANK YOU!

NGS OPEN DAYS - To all the people on Decoy Field who helped by enabling visitors to park on the field. Your consideration was much appreciated. 63 people + children visited over two afternoons. The positive feedback was amazing. All said they had enjoyed the tour of the wildlife areas, Ferai's garden, the lovely teas and being able to buy plants. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day you were an amazing team. One visitor clapped when she saw Ferai's garden she was so impressed!

IN THE NEWS- We had a two-page article in the free Country Garden Magazine, which is distributed throughout the Southwest entitled 'The Devon Wildlife Allotments', which we were pleased about, and we had one in the Mid Devon Advertiser about the NGS days.



GOOD NEWS - Hedgehogs are still on the allotments despite one being poisoned. We have had sightings on several fields including Mike at Bradley see his photo left. Chrystal and Suzannereported seeing some and I am sure there are others on Blake's, Cookes and Coach. So keep up the good work by not using chemicals and pesticides and be kind to hedgehogs.

Tips re dealing with slugs organically: **Nick.** Slugs and snails love long grass, flowerpots and pieces of wood lying around the plot so keep the plot tidy. **Simon.** I rinse eggshells, microwave them while still wet for 3 mins, let them cool and they crush up very easily to form a bowl of gritty eggshell pieces to throw on the soil. Other ideas:- beer traps- put the bottom of plastic pottles level in the soil and fill with cheap beer - slugs love it, but they die happy! Coffee grounds, gravel, or small stones so it makes it harder for them to travel and finish off your plants



All Change at Coach Road - Jackie Jennings has stepped down as Field Manager after many years and Mike Pugh has volunteered to take on the role following a very positive meeting between Coach Road members and the Chairman & Secretary, our thanks to Jackie for all of her work over many years.



IBC's -Many members now use these for saving rainwater both reducing their reliance on mains water and saving the association a lot of money during a season. However, a few words of advice on their upkeep - They were originally designed to be single use and the tops especially, are vulnerable to sunlight and become brittle. Ideally buy a cover or put a tarpaulin around and over them. This does not

apply to the black ones.

STOP PRESS - **Planning for the Future Today** As a supplement to this months' newsletter the Chairman and Secretary have prepared an update on the current challenges facing your Association. Please look out for the email.

Take Care Meryl Basham.