



NADCAA

Newton Abbot & District Co-Operative Allotment Association

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Social Media Update – Lynsey, Charlie, Keith & Rebecca have finished setting up the NADCAA Group and Page in Facebook. Here are some instructions from Lynsey on how to access it - To find the group search for Newton Abbot and District Gardeners (Official Group). There are 2 simple questions to answer when you apply to join the group - what is your Field name and Plot No? Your application will be dealt with when a member of the Admin. Team are next on line, to find the page search for Newton Abbot and District Co-operative Allotment Association. Once you have found it please Like, Share and Follow the page. (All future posts should appear on your news feed).



Pruning Workshop - We have recently held the first of what is hoped to be many workshops in our newly created Education Centre "The Orchard" at Decoy. Clive Burton gave a very entertaining and informative talk on the best way to prune fruit trees, including demonstrations of best tools and approaches. He is hoping to deliver a second talk on Bradley Field very soon.



Thank you to everyone that donated items or bought plants and produce. A special thank you to those who gave up their time on Saturday 18 September to attend the coffee morning at Blake's Field Allotments, it was lovely to see you all. Together this year we raised an amazing £369.08 for the charity.



After hosting a visit from the Newton Abbot Art Society earlier this year, one member of the group, Kathie Weedon, asked if she could visit to paint, sketch and draw. Kathie has produced our very own unique (and top quality!) allotment-themed Christmas card totally free. She has offered to donate them to the Association to raise funds for all our fields' wildlife areas. Your Field Manager will shortly have some of these cards for you to see and hopefully purchase, every penny given for these cards will go towards helping your own field's wildlife conservation



Bed Time - It's that time of the year when we are putting our plots to bed and retreating to the comforts of our homes, but remember that the plot remains a home for much of our wildlife, so spare a thought for them as you tidy up. In particular, remember to check carefully before lighting any bonfires, with reduced use of slug pellets hedgehogs are making a welcome return to our fields, and they often take refuge in vegetation piled up ready for burning.



Tenancy Renewals – These went out on the 5th November with all payments **due by 15th November** please. The new Tenancy Agreement, agreed at the AGM, will come into force on the 1st January and has been sent to members without email. This link <https://nadcaa.org.uk/tenancy-agreement/> will take you to a copy on the website.

Meryl Basham - We are pleased to be able to report that Meryl is out of hospital and making a good recovery at home. Sadly she has decided to step down as Environmental & Communications Officer and the whole association is going to miss her valuable contribution. We are a member run association and these positions need to be filled so if you are interested in either role please let us know. We can't run the association without more volunteers. **The NADCAA Members Committee**