



FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



As we reported last month this will be a busy year with many challenges. A very conservative estimate showed that our 14 volunteers work on average 81 days a year between them. That is a large workload for unpaid voluntary members working on behalf of all the members. So we need to ask again for more members to offer to volunteer to help.



Workshops - A very successful secateurs sharpening workshop was led by Clive on Decoy field recently and those who attended not only had their secateurs sharpened and cleaned but they also learned the tricks of the trade from Clive. At another event to be arranged soon Mike one of our Decoy Field managers will be demonstrating how to make pea wigwams from willow whip, watch this space for details. We would love to arrange more of these events during the coming year on all fields and so please email or call the secretary if you would like to share your knowledge and skills with other members on any gardening related topic.



Cultivation Update - Across our fields it seems that approximately 10% of plots are still currently not being cultivated, that equates to almost 40 plots!! With the last two months being very dry there really is no reason why members are delaying getting their plots in order. The first Lapse in Cultivation Letters will be going out at the end of March, so it's not too late to catch up.

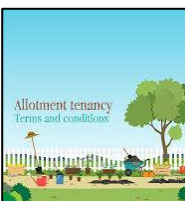


NADCAA Platinum Jubilee Arts Event(s) - To celebrate the Queens platinum jubilee this summer we are planning to arrange an arts themed garden party or parties.

The current ideas include art workshops, displays of art produced by members of the Newton Abbot Arts Group, a children's art competition, displays of art exhibits on the theme of sustainability and gardening and a garden party or parties on the allotment fields.

The initial event would be held on Decoy Field but it would also be great if we could also host similar events on one or more of our other fields, everyone would of course be welcome to attend any or all of the events if more than one could be arranged.

Grants are available to support these projects from the Arts Council and we are planning to submit a bid later this month. Please get in touch if you would help with this event.



New Tenants - A warm welcome to all of the new tenants who have joined us over the past month or so and It is great to see all of the hard work being put in to prepare plots for the season that is rapidly approaching.

If you are new and would like to find out more about how you can support our association or indeed if you are a long standing member who may like to get more involved we would love to hear from you.



Paths Between Plots - There seems to be some confusion regarding the rules regarding paths. To Clarify - All tenants are responsible for the maintenance of the paths at top, bottom and right hand side of their plots. Please ensure that all paths are unobstructed and that any overhanging vegetation which could cause injury is cut back for safety. Your neighbour can use the path between you plot and theirs, is not solely for your use. Thank you all for your cooperation with respect to this important safety matter.



Members Area - We are pleased to announce the development of a "Members Area" on the website. These are the instructions on how to use it -

1. Click Members Area on the Home Screen.
2. Single Click on the Document you want to look at i.e. Protected Allotment & Leisure

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3. Enter the password sent in the email with the link to this Newsletter and press the Enter Button.

4. The screen will refresh and the Document title will appear with a link underneath it click on the link.

IMPORTANT: This area is for members only do not to share the password with non-members or on social media.

Tim Callard (Chairman) - On behalf of all the NADCAA Volunteers