



NADCAA

Newton Abbot & District Co-Operative Allotment Association

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Transition Newsletter: February 2024 – Please Read

This Newsletter is specifically about the progress being made regarding the transition of plots to Newton Abbot Town Council. It affects all members so please read it carefully and please share it with any neighbouring members who may not routinely pick up their emails from the Association.

The Lease – The Lease between NADCAA and the Town Council has been replaced with a Service Agreement with a generous twenty-year term. Losing the Lease means that tenants and occupants will have to conform to the rules of a new Tenancy Agreement between them and the Town Council.

The Tenancy Agreement (TA) – This has been agreed and will be sent to all occupants/tenants within the next few days. One significant change that members need to be aware of is that under the new TA, the use of Glyphosate weedkiller on the allotment fields by members will be prohibited. This is to comply with the Town Council's recent decision to stop using pesticides on their land. The new TA also asks members to avoid the use of all pesticides as far as possible.

All occupants and tenants who have agreed to email communications will be invited to digitally confirm acceptance of the new TA. We ask you to digitally sign your new agreement promptly. The digital process is very simple and full instructions will be included in the covering email that will be sent shortly.

Annual Invoice and Payments – All current occupants and tenants are being sent an invoice for each of their plots as well, with payment being made to the Town Council. Further instructions will be in the email that will accompany your invoice(s) which should be paid by the 29th February. Please delete your payment method for NADCAA, new payment instructions for rent will be on your invoice(s). Note: This does not affect payments to the shop, they remain with NADCAA on the Shop Account, details are on the website.

Volunteer Field Representatives – The title of Field Manager will disappear and be replaced with Volunteer Field Representative.

Day to day running of the Allotment Fields – NADCAA volunteers will still be heavily involved with day-to-day field matters but all decisions and enforcement for any breach of tenancy requirements including poor cultivation will be dealt with by the Council who will be undertaking regular field inspections during the year.

Finances – The Council will now be paying NADCAA an annual fee to cover our expenses and the Council will cover third party field rents (Blakes and Cookes), water bills, the Colony Management System and other agreed expenditure.

This is a learning curve for the Council Officers, and we ask that you bear with them during this very busy time, when your volunteers and the Town Council staff are trying to ensure that everything runs smoothly during this period of major transition.

Thank you all for your patience during this significant change to the way our allotments are run.
NADCAA Management Committee

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