



NADCAA

Newton Abbot & District Co-Operative Allotment Association

Newsletter: May 24

Bacon Butty Mornings



These take place on the 1st Saturday of the month at Decoy Field. The next one is planned for **Saturday 4th May from 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

Date for your Diary – 2024 Annual General Meeting

This will take place on **Saturday 20th July at the Courtenay Centre.** More details will follow.

“No Mow May”

No mow May does not apply to communal paths. These still need to be cut regularly for safety reasons.

Field Inspections



The next field inspections by the Council will take place in **Mid – May.** This allows for the delayed start to planting this year due to the adverse weather. The Council have advised that they will expect cultivation to well advanced by then.

Nature on your Doorstep at Courtenay Centre

This event is being held on **Saturday 22nd June.** NADCAA will be represented. Click the link for further details <https://nadcaa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/NOYD-POSTER.pdf>

Research on natural pesticides



You may be interested in some of the following published scientific research on natural pesticides:

[Journal of Natural Pesticide Research](#) – this journal dedicated to the subject and is free to access without a subscription.

[When Scent Becomes a Weapon—Plant Essential Oils as Potent Bioinsecticides](#)

[Bioinsecticides based on plant essential oils: a short overview](#)

There appears to be a lot of evidence for using Neem oil as a natural insecticide. If anyone has tried this or had success with any other natural pest or weed control methods, we encourage you to share that with other allotment members when chatting, via the Facebook group, or by email to info@nadcaa.org.uk and we will be happy to share in a future newsletter and on our website.

Administration News Liz Colston, our first Administrator, took on this role when Data Protection and a new version of the Colony Management System loomed large. She has decided that the time has come to let somebody else hold the Administration reins, and we welcome Jo Wilkins, who is currently being guided through the various processes by Liz. On behalf of the entire membership the Committee would like to say a very big thank you to Liz for all the work she has done and to Jo for the work she is about to undertake! Our very best wishes to them both.