

Hello & Welcome to the August 2023 E-Newsletter



Waiting List

The site is now fully let and we have a waiting list, so if you have struggled with managing your plot this year, please consider whether now is the time to surrender it and let someone else have the opportunity.

IMPORTANT - Closing the Gate

Could you all please ensure when entering and leaving the site that you close the gate, the only exception to this is maintenance days.



Maintenance Day

Our next Site Maintenance morning is Sunday 17th September.

Please come along and lend a hand.

Light duties will be available and refreshments of course!



Strimmer use and path reminder

The lightweight battery strimmer we are lending out to plotholders has been popular. If you want to use it, please contact JAACommittee@gmail.com and we will send you the details of how to access and use it.

Please remember under the JAA rules, the paths and edges bordering your plot are your responsibility to maintain. If you don't have a strimmer, no problem, you can borrow our battery one.



Sunflowers and Pumpkins

There are some super huge and beautiful sunflowers gracing the site this year. If you have a very impressive sunflower, please let us know the height and your plot number and you might win a prize!

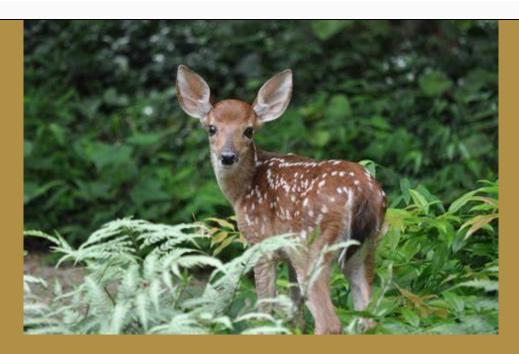
There is also a trophy (somewhere!!) for the biggest vegetable. Up to date this has always been a pumpkin so if you think you have a winner, again, please get in touch. JAACommittee@gmail.com



Water collection & thanks to John Garraway

John has kindly made some improvements to the site 's water stations. Many thanks John!

Collecting water on your own plot is important on our site as we can't get mains access. The water stations very soon run out during the dry spells. Now is a good time to think about setting something up ready to gather water during the winter. There is plenty of advice on the internet about how to do this, or have a look round the site at how other plot holders have done theirs.



Oh Deer!

The deer continue to dine out on the allotment despite our best endeavours to deter them. We will be further improving the fence at the top of the site near the main gate, as that seems to be a popular way in. However as they have been seen leaping over the perimeter fence we are unlikely to stop them all. The best advice we can offer is to cover your crops, otherwise you will just have to share.



Longlands Common and Knaresborough Forest

An interesting update from one of our plot holders Alison.

The sale should be complete soon (I know, it's been a long time coming!) The merger with Long Lands has gone through, and they are working on a business plan for the share scheme, which is planned to launch in early December

We are already looking at the land and deciding in advance on the best use for the very different areas within it, such as wetland, wild flower meadow, community food growing etc.

Please tell everyone we are very grateful for their support and that they can follow our progress via knaresboroughforestpark.org

We are holding a fundraising Ceilidh on September 15th - details are on the website, its on the Jubilee Facebook page already. It would be lovely to see other allotmenteers there.



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Please feel free to post any hints and tips you think other plot holders would find useful, or anything you have to give away that someone else may want eg excess seedlings, plant pots etc



Safe Workers

Anyone working on the plots who is not named on the tenancy agreement, or registered as separate members of the association, is not covered by the JAA insurances.

They are therefore working at their own risk.

If you would like to register additional people who

work on your plot regularly as members of the association please <u>email the committee.</u>

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