

Hello & Welcome to the May 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.

Following the AGM in February your new committee members are: Chair - Mark Madeley

Vice Chair - Sarah Bosomworth

Secretary - Joy Richards

Treasurer - Jill Martin

Other committee members are: Katy Madeley, Kerri Tucker, Richard Hodson, Sandra Belovari & Paul Baines-Holmes

We look forward to working, chatting and helping you throughout the year.

Richard Hodgson won allotment of the year! the first 2 photos shows the plot when Richard took over, the second 2 are the transformation after lots of hard work, I'm sure you can all agree how fantastic it looks.











IMPORTANT - Closing the Gate

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



Site Maintenance

Thank you to all who have helped out on our first maintenance day last month. It was greatly appreciated.

The next one is planned for Sunday 21st May, 10.30 to 12.30. refreshments will be provided.

Please note that it is part of everyone's agreement with JAA to help out on at least one maintenance day during the year.



Jubilee allotments will soon have a new neighbour!

You may have seen reports in the press saying that the Knaresborough Forest Park project has had its bid accepted for the land for sale between Knaresborough and Starbeck:

https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/heritage-and-retro/heritage/incredible-success-for-half-a-million-pound-campaign-to-create-knaresborough-forest-park-4082508

It is a huge achievement, because KFP was in direct competition with several other parties. The philanthropic loan also meant that they were able to bid for almost all of the land (and another plot has been secured by a sympathetic third party, also with the intention of keeping it green). This means that there will be a green corridor all the way from the banks of the Nidd in Knaresborough to Long Lands Common.

However, the KFP team are keen to stress that this does not mean that the campaign is over – in fact, **they need community support more than ever**, to repay the loan. *We Have the Power* is an organisation set up by impact investor Julia Davies to empower community groups to improve local biodiversity and tackle the climate crisis. Although the loan is interest-free,

the organisation asks recipients to raise as much money as possible from the community to reduce the amount needing to be borrowed, and repay the money within a reasonable time, to allow Julia to invest it in other projects elsewhere.

Once the land has been bought, the community will be able to buy shares in it, as they did for Long Lands Common. Work can then start on rewilding and protecting the land, as well as creating spaces for leisure, education, and community food production.

If you haven't pledged yet, or would like to follow the progress of the campaign, please go to https://knaresboroughforestpark.org/



Fires

Please be considerate of your neighbours, if there are people nearby, check with them if it's okay to have a fire. If the weather is particularly windy, consider choosing another day.

- 16.1 Fires are only permitted in bin incinerators or similar units
- 16.2 The plot holder shall ensure that any fire does not cause annoyance or danger to anyone or damage to any property.
- 16.3. The plot holder must be in attendance while the fire is alight and shall ensure that it is extinguished and safe before leaving the plot.



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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 email the committee.

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