

Brookfield Allotments

NEWSLETTER



Spring 2026

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Lottery Funding Bid

As you will be aware, we have applied for lottery funding. The funding (if successful) will utilise the wood from the two oaks that are scheduled to be cut back (the two oaks either side of the car park gate). We are currently awaiting a starting date for the tree work to be carried out. The Lottery Funding will be used within the allotments and community in partnership with The Highams Park Planning Group and The Ching Action Group.

Thank you to Margaret Almond for putting together the bid and submitting it. We should find out in March if we've been successful.

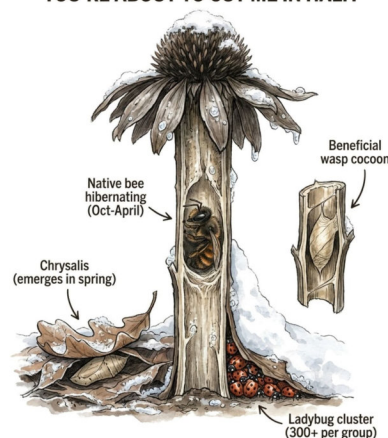
Happy New Year!



Another year has passed and we are now well into the new year. Most of us will have started planning the season ahead and are preparing our plots ready for growing.

While in planning mode, please ensure all pathways are clear and kept tidy and importantly, all trip hazards and overgrown branches are kept back for everyone's safety.

I'M HIBERNATING INSIDE THIS 'DEAD' STEM.
YOU'RE ABOUT TO CUT ME IN HALF.



The shears can wait. My life can't.

STRANGE BUT TRUE: Shocking!

Flowers talk to bumblebees using electricity. If a flower hasn't been visited recently by a bee, it gives off static electricity. The static tugs at tiny hairs on a bee's back, letting the insect know which flowers still have nectar.





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The Art Trail

We will again this year be part of the Art Trail with Saturday 2nd of May being the open day on the allotment site. More information on this event will follow. If you can help/contribute/take part please let the Committee know. Orla Flood is taking the lead on this event. Everyone will be kept up to date via What's App/email and website.

Site Maintenance Team (SMT)

The SMT have met and have planned for the year ahead. This will include work party dates which will be announced nearer the time. If you have any ideas that need the SMT's help, please contact smt.brookfieldallotments@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE

Save Our Bugs

Please ensure when adding to the brown bins, all soil and bugs are shaken off. It helps keep the weight down and helps maintain our valuable biodiversity.

Thank you.

Committee Meeting 21.01.2026

The Committee met on 21 Jan and discussed many topics including updating the Rules & Regs and adopting a Constitution. All the updates for the Rules and the Constitution can be found on the website www.brookfieldallotments.co.uk

Other topics discussed included the trading hut (when it will open, how long for, stock etc), more details to follow.

Social events and Fundraising were also discussed with several ideas being put forward. We plan to send out a short survey asking what you would like including things like BBQ & quiz, family picnic etc. Please respond to the survey to aid the committee when making decisions.

That is it for now. The Committee would like to thank everybody for their help and commitment in the allotments and hope the growing season goes well for us all.

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If anyone has anything to contribute to the Newsletter, please contact Christine above.