

16 November 2021

Dear Plot Holders,

We hope you are all well and have had a good summer. Firstly, thank you for your support and we are very aware that we did not have an AGM this year for obvious reasons, but we will hold an AGM in the spring of 2022 all being well and details will follow at the beginning of spring. If there is anyone who is not happy that the current committee has carried on, then please let us know. It has not been ideal not to have an AGM, but we have had no choice under the circumstances but to carry on in our current positions.

We have attached [this year's accounts](#) for your information and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to send them through by email.

**Rents:** We didn't increase the rents for 2021 but have decided to increase them by 3% for 2022. This is in anticipation of higher water and electricity charges.

The rent letters have been sent out and remember that we cannot accept payment in the Trading Hut unless you are dropping off a cheque. Most of you pay online, something that pretty much all of us are used to doing and we really do appreciate this way of you paying. You can send a cheque, but it means someone has to physically go to a bank which is difficult for us to do. So, thank you in advance for paying online or by you going into your bank and making a bank transfer. All the details you need are on the letter.

**Trading Hut:** It was with great sadness that Anna and David Feldman told us are moving out of London and giving up their plots. As you know Anna has been the Trading Hut secretary for some years now and has done a really fantastic job and we will miss her and her organisational skills very very much. And thanks to David for stepping back in to help with the letting of plots. The Trading hut has done exceptionally well under Anna's leadership and is our only way of making a little profit for our site.

Autumn onions and garlic are in the trading hut and it's not too late to plant. Anna has already sorted out the ordering of spring growing onion sets and the potato order for February.

The Trading Hut will have its last trading day on Sunday 19th December (11:30 – 1pm) for this year and will re-open on Saturday 15th January (1:30 – 3pm).

**We now need more help** – if you want the Trading hut to remain open then we need more people to volunteer and give one and a half hours every few months on either a Saturday or a Sunday. A number of you will have had an invitation to help with your rent letter and if you didn't get an invite but would like to help then please let us know asap.

We need to share the load if you want to have this fantastic facility to remain open and available for everyone – it's as simple as that!!

**Water harvesting and composting:** We have talked about this before and we really want everyone to make sure they are collecting water and making compost. It's extremely important and very easy to do. If you want advice, then please come and talk to us or email.

**Flooding on some plots:** We have a few plots near the Clitterhouse Park end of the site that flood really badly whenever there is heavy rain. We are trying to help by providing shingle and the special blue drainage pipe and some ploholders are already actively digging trenches. We are also going to see if we can find someone we can pay to help, but this is proving very difficult, but we will keep on with that. If you need further advice about this then email us, please. We are also investigating a machine that digs trenches but again we will update you on this if we think this is feasible to do. We are also asking the Barnet Federation if they know of anyone that can help us with drains!

Seasonal Greetings to you all

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