



# Horfield & District Allotments Association

## Summer Newsletter 2021

Summer is with us and vegetables, fruit and flowers on our allotments are growing apace. Hopefully your plot is thriving in the recent sunny weather.

This newsletter highlights a number of articles that have been on our website in the last few weeks which you may have missed.

In this newsletter we will cover:

- Annual General Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021
- Allotment photos exhibition
- H&DAA Facebook site
- Avon Organic Group programme
- Pests & Diseases
- Badger alert!
- Water on the allotments
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### **AGM for 2020 – now August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we postponed the H&DAA Annual General Meeting (AGM) from its usual February date. We are now able to hold an in person AGM which is at B&A Church, 160a Gloucester Road (Pigsty Hill) at 7.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021. See the AGM calling notice which is attached to this email.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/agm-postponed-until-august-23rd/>

### **Allotment photos exhibition**

There is a new photo exhibition called **Room to Grow** which features photographs from allotments around Bristol, including those from our own Golden Hill and Birchall Road allotment sites. This is being held initially at the Windmill Hill City Farm from 18<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> July, and subsequently may feature in other allotment sites around Bristol.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/allotment-photos-in-exhibition/>

Here is the background to this exhibition which is run by the Bristol Photo Festival:

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/bristol-photo-festival-growing-spaces/>



### **Facebook site**

The H&DAA Facebook site has had a busy year with posts covering items such as how to deter birds from eating your strawberries, where you can get manure, umpteen offers of seeds and plants, and much more..

If you're not already a member you can join by clicking here:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/handdaa>

### **Avon Organic Group 2021 Programme**

Here is the link to the 2021 Programme of events from the Avon Organic Group

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/techniques/avon-organic-2020-programme/>

For more information about Avon Organic visit:

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/techniques/avon-organic-group-talks/>

### **Pests & Diseases**

As allotment ploholders we are used to dealing with pests and diseases that may attack our precious crops. This year has been no exception and we have had various enemies to contend with:

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/horsetail-alert/>

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/trouble-with-your-onions/>

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/bindweed-abounds/>

### **Badger alert!**

One pest that has caused much consternation to sweetcorn growers in the last few years has been Mr Badger! For ways around the problem have a look at the following suggestions:

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/sweetcorn-human-versus-badger/>

### **Water on the allotments**

All plants need water, but we need to be responsible in our use of it on the allotments.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/water-on-the-allotments/>

It may be that we can water less than we think – here is a guide to what plants need water and when.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/techniques/watering-vegetables/>

### **Seasonal Recipes from Stephen Markwick**

We now have a full year's worth of recipes on the website from Stephen Markwick (Bistro 21, Markwicks, Culinaria) who is also a Birchall Road ploholder. Why not try some out with this year's summer crop?



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<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/recipes/star-recipes-stephen-markwick/>

## Allotment Suppliers

We keep our list updated of allotment suppliers – mainly local wherever we can find them – if you know of some good suppliers not on the list please let us know.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/advice/allotment-supplies/>

## Ashley Down Store

Our friends at Ashley Down Allotment Store have been open for much of the year, albeit operating in a slightly different way due to Covid restrictions. Visit them for your allotment supplies

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/ashley-down-shop-open-for-allotment-supplies/>

## Community Garden Plant Sale

The Golden Hill Community Garden was unable to have its Spring Fair again this year due to the pandemic. However, a very successful plant sale was held for the second year running. Valuable funds were raised for the Community Garden and this looks like becoming an annual event whether or not a Fair is held.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/2164/>

<https://thegoldenhillcommunitygarden.com/2021/04/>

## Survey on Pesticide Use

In the Spring we were approached by a group of students from the University of the West of England who were doing a survey on the use of pesticides around allotments. <https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/survey-on-pesticide-use/>

## Bristol Seed Swap

This is annual event where people can swap seeds with others. This year it was held as a virtual event, so no public meeting was held; instead people sent in their requests for seeds and /or send in seeds to be distributed to others. It was a great success.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/get-your-seeds-from-the-bristol-seed-swap/>

## Contacting your Field Rep

Each of our allotment sites or fields has one of more Field Reps. They can be contacted by email using the email addresses on the noticeboards (if present) or as detailed in the following link:

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/policies/field-representatives/>



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That's all for now. If you have any comments, questions or ideas for future Newsletters, please send them to [info@horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk](mailto:info@horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk)

Have a great summer and good gardening!  
The H&DAA Team