



# Horfield & District Allotments Association

## Winter 2022/23 Newsletter

Dear Member/Associate Member,

Here is a catch-up on things that have happened on the allotments and in H&DAA in the last few months. Many of the articles below have appeared on the H&DAA website since the last Newsletter was sent out in August.

You are receiving this newsletter in paper format as we do not hold an email address for you. Email versions of this newsletter have built-in hyperlinks to the articles, so are easier to navigate. If you would like to receive future newsletters by email, please send your email address to [pltmgr@horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk](mailto:pltmgr@horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk).

For all latest news go to: <https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk>

**The password for the Members Area is**

Among the articles listed below is one detailing some of the work that the H&DAA Committee do on behalf of the membership. There is also news of activities at the Golden Hill Community Garden and the award of an honour to its longstanding project worker! There are many other snippets that you should find useful.

In this newsletter we will cover:

- What does the H&DAA Committee do?
- Planned repair work on the allotments
- Hedging Team update
- Orchard Learning Courses for 2023
- Wreathmaking Workshop at Golden Hill
- More vandalism on the allotments
- Family Food Action collections
- Bonfire Night Festivities
- Roger Chainey RIP
- Visit to Charles Dowding's No-dig Garden
- Bristol Seed Swap 2023
- Harvest Fair 2022
- 2023 AGM date
- H&DAA Accounts for 2021/2022
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### **What does the H&DAA Committee do?**

During 2022 the activities done by your committee included:

- Our Secretary wrote 250 emails and 90 letters to tenants to remind them to keep plots cultivated and other subjects
- We communicated to Bristol City Council on such matters as plot waiting lists and occupancy
- A Subcommittee met to produce a revised Tenancy Agreement which was ratified at AGM



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- H&DAA attended a meeting at the prison of local community representatives
- A subcommittee is undertaking work to rewrite the H&DAA Constitution documents
- Various Work Parties were organised to:
  - fill skips with rubbish at all sites
  - keep the internal and boundary hedges maintained around the Golden Hill site
  - remove damage huts, etc. and undertake repairs at Birchall Road site after vandalism
  - bramble bash at Grahams Field site
- We have kept the H&DAA website updated with relevant news
- We maintain the list of H&DAA Members and Associate Members with leavers and joiners.  
This year 47 members left and 60 new members joined & various other changes had to be recorded..
- Keep members informed of local site initiatives and events via mailshots

## **Planned repair work on the allotments**

During 2023 we intend to undertake repair work in the following areas of the allotments sites:

- Boundary work fencing between Baptist Field and the back of Longmead Avenue houses
- New hardstanding area at Grahams Telecomms Field
- Fencing repairs/replacement at Birchall Road site adjacent to Fiddes Road side
- New gate on Grahams Telecomms Field
- Water trough improvements on Grahams
- Tree surgery as required around all sites

During 2022 the work carried out on sites included:

- New signage around the Birchall Road site
- New gate padlocks on Golden Hill and Grahams site
- Tree work at all sites
- New mower purchased for Longs Field

## **Hedging Team News**

The hedging team has been busy again at Golden Hill

Our boundary hedges and internal hedges need annual maintenance and a band of volunteers do a sterling job every year.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/update-from-the-hedging-team/>

## **Orchard Learning Courses for 2023**

March 5th is the deadline to sign up for this year's 4-month introductory Get Growing Fruit Trees course held by HOCO on our Golden Hill site. This and other courses are detailed in the following link:

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/techniques/caring-for-trees-course/>

## **Wreathmaking Workshop at Golden Hill**

The Community Garden organised another successful wreathmaking session at our Golden Hill site. Click the link to see some of the creations.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/wreathmaking-at-golden-hill/>



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## **Bristol Seed Swap**

This year's seed swap is being held on Feb 12th from 12pm to 4pm at the Trinity Centre, Old Market, BS2 0NW

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/2023-bristol-seed-swap-feb-12th/>

## **Vandalism on Birchall Road allotments site**

Our Birchall Road site has suffered again from vandals causing damage to people's plots and the site infrastructure. We urge everyone to be vigilant and report any instances of damage that you witness.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/vandalism-blights-allotments-on-birchall-field/>

## **Family Food Action collections**

The collections for the Ardagh's Family Food Action are still taking place – collection point is near the gate on the lane behind the prison

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/surplus-veg-for-family-food-action-change-in-drop-off-deadline/>

## **Bonfire Night Festivities**

The Bonfire Night event was held at Golden Hill in November. Mulled cider and cakes while watching the bonfire and firework display.

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/photos-from-bonfire-night-at-golden-hill/>

## **Roger Chainey RIP**

Roger, who was a long-standing member of the H&DAA Committee died in October 2022

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/roger-chainey-rip/>

## **Visit to Charles Dowding's Garden**

The Bristol Allotments Forum have arranged two visits to Charles Dowding's No Dig Garden in the village of Alhampton, Somerset, BA4 6PZ.

The dates are 13th June and 5th July 2023, both are 6.00 - 7.30pm. Cost is £5 per head .

There is limited availability, so if you are interested in going contact [allotmentsforum@outlook.com](mailto:allotmentsforum@outlook.com) or telephone 0117-932-5852.

## **Harvest Fair 2022**

The first Harvest Fair since the Covid lockdown was held our Golden Hill site in September 2022. There was something for everyone and the sun shone!

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/news/golden-hill-harvest-fair-24th-september/>

## **H&DAA 2023 AGM**

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at St Bonaventure's Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 starting at 7.30pm. A calling notice and full agenda will be sent out in March.

If there any resolutions you wish to raise, these must be submitted to the Committee by the end of February.

## **H&DAA Accounts for 2021/2022**

The Association's Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 can be found on our



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website in the Members Area along with a summary of the main highlights.

The members' Area password is PLOT2028

<https://www.horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk/members-area/>

## **Allotment Supplies**

Don't forget to look at the H&DAA website pages for Suppliers of all types of items you require for your allotment plot. This includes, compost, manure, seeds and many other items. H&DAA does not have a shop ourselves, but the Ashley Down Store is close by, and we also list many other local suppliers.

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

## **Contacting your Field Rep**

Each of our allotment sites or fields has one or 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/>

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)

The H&DAA Team