

The **HARTHILL** Plot

Spring Issue

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FIGHTBACK AGAINST VANDALISM CONTINUES

We haven't reached peak vandalism and theft season yet - touch wood - but we have been taking pre-emptive action to prevent further trouble.

First of all, the **police** are fully aware of the situation and have posted warning notices. Needless to say, these were torn down - presumably by the people they were aimed at - but maybe they managed to read them first. We have also installed **cameras** which take pictures of people making unauthorised entry at key points. For obvious reasons we are not publicising where they are. We've been helped in this by local city councillors' ward funds (*thank you to Councillor Richard Wenstone*). We haven't caught any intruders yet but the cameras have already shown their worth by taking snaps of the welcome return of the Harthill foxes. Apart from being a welcome sight they should help with rat control (see box below).

And thanks to everyone who helped to plant some surplus **brambles** by the sandstone wall, providing a natural barrier to intruders. By the way, if you see some brambles near your plot by the perimeter, please don't cut them back. Check with us first, they may have been put there on purpose! There's some holly by the wall, too, but that is a bit slow growing for our purpose.

**Spring springing at Harthill.
But slowly**



A bit of early colour



All ready to go!

WELCOME!

We have **eight new allotment holders** thanks to Barbara's herculean efforts so welcome to you all and we hope you have many years of allotment fun at Harthill. If you need any advice don't hesitate to get in touch with the committee.

CHEAP SEEDS AND EQUIPMENT

All ploholders can buy **seeds and equipment at very reasonable prices from Thingwall Allotments**. Their shop is open every Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 2pm. Postcode is L15 7JZ

REMEMBER, REMEMBER.....

- Always shut the gate and scramble locks. We will be changing the combination soon as an extra security measure, but don't worry. we'll let you know!
- *Please park carefully.*
- Don't cut into paths - have a thought for the (volunteer) mowers!
- *Advice on rat control (and much more besides!) is on our website www.harthillallotments.org.uk.*

