

The

HARTHILL

Plot

Some Do's and donts:

DON't cut into paths.

DO keep paths clear of stones, weeds. Overhanging branches etc.

DO park carefully (see below)

Spring Special

April 2024

~~IDEAS FOR GROWING, HELP DAYS, AND OTHER NEWS...~~

Some people have suggested that we use the Help Days for education as well as work. Suggested topics include tool sharpening and composting. What do you think? Any suggestions? Remember. You do get tea and cake on these days, which are essential for keeping the site in good shape.

ALAS POOR DAMSON TREE – I KNEW HIM HORATIO...*

The big communal damson tree is on its last legs and beginning to fail so it looks like this is its last year. So damson jam fans should make the most of this year's harvest.

Sensible use of the shed

Our communal shed is, as far as we know, a unique - certainly unusual anyway - facility in Liverpool allotments and is one reason why we can keep the site free of multiple sheds, so we should use it carefully and sensibly. Room there is of course limited (one tub per plot) so please be careful how much you store there – big sheets of cardboard have appeared for some reason, which doesn't make any sense.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The RHS has a number of gardens open to the public and members, Bridgwater is almost local, for instance. As members we are allowed one free group visit, so if you're interested let us know and we can look at the logistics. We also have a membership card that members can borrow – please email us if you're interested in either possibility. We're told it's well worth a look.

PARKING...

You may have noticed that it has rained a bit lately (nothing escapes us). This has led to the grassy area at the end of the parking space by the shed becoming saturated. Please avoid parking there as the grass is becoming badly churned.

MANURE AND STUFF

Our days of unlimited manure seem to have ended for now so if you want manure you can take the short trip to Beechley Stables with a wheelbarrow and take as much as you can move. They'll always be pleased to see you. Similarly we can use leaf mulch from the park.

*Hamlet of course