
The **HARTHILL** Plot

Summer Special

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DON'T STEAL CROPS - OBVIOUSLY

As the country starts to emerge from lockdown, blinking in the unfamiliar daylight, it will find Harthill Allotments in fine fettle. The extra time at home has given loads of tenants the chance to hone their plots to perfection. Well, more or less.

However, there are some issues to address, not least - perhaps strangely - the question of picking fruit off other plots. Obviously you can't do this - it's stealing. Some people have given permission to other individuals to take some produce off their plots. If you think you have such permission, please make sure that this is renewed every year - tenants and circumstances do change. It may sound obvious but two long term plot holders were surprised to find another tenant helping themselves to apples last year! They hadn't given them the right to do so. That may have been a case of mistaken plot identity, so please be careful. It's bad enough when thieves break in and rob produce - how galling if friends and neighbours do so!

There are, of course, some communal fruit trees - a row of apple trees on the centre of Plot 10 (approach via middle of the side paths) and the damson tree on Plot 32. If you do take fruit, obviously be reasonable and don't strip them bare. There's plenty to go round.

*'Takes deep breath' - in the past I've sworn that if I had to tell people how to use the toilet I'd resign! Wiser counsels have prevailed so I find myself having to repeat, **FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS WHEN USING THE COMPOST TOILET!!** This really shouldn't be necessary but if I were to describe the mess a committee member had to clear up recently you'd get my point.*

The **lock combinations** will be changed at some point as lockdown begins to ease. We know that some of you have given the combination to helpers, and in the Covid 19 circumstances that was fair enough. But when we do change them again, perhaps in the autumn, please keep them safe. And in the meantime **PLEASE SCRAMBLE THE LOCKS** - they've been left unscrambled a few times recently. And finally -

Keep paths clear (overhanging plants will be slashed back by mowers- we're sick of it!):