

The **HARTHILL** Plot

Not quite Summer issue

May 2021

COVID and after...

We may be turning the corner of the COVID crisis but we still have to take care at Harthill. So we need to maintain social distancing, hand hygiene and all the other precautions we have become so familiar with over the months.

But we *are* looking to the future and **Group Help Days**, for instance - suspended during COVID lockdown - will, we hope, be starting again in **July**. Keep an eye out for emails, newsletters and the website for dates.

Meanwhile, work has continued at Harthill:

The **communal area** in the south corner (on Plot 15) is being transformed, first of all with the trees and bug hotel, now with the wildflower area and seating in the shade. Thanks especially to Emily, Irene and Karen for this, a great use of a 'hard to let' plot.

Parking becomes more of an issue as the sun comes out, so please remember that you should only park on the hard standing areas, NOT the grass. Parking on grass makes it impossible to maintain. The fact is that occasionally there may not be enough parking for everyone and if so you will have to park (considerately) on the road.

Allotmenting has understandably become increasingly popular during lockdown and we have a huge **waiting list**. So please make sure your plot is well tended - there are loads of people who are waiting for the chance to start allotment gardening. Also, we are now able to re-start regular **Plot Inspections** to make sure that plots are being used and maintained.

We have a revitalised **mowing rota** following an appeal for volunteers on our Facebook page but if you want to help there is always room for more! And if you're not able to volunteer, please remember to **keep the paths fully clear** of overhanging branches, stones and so on. If branches obstruct the mowers they will be pruned accordingly.

We still have netting, long canes and anti weed membrane for sale - prices available in the Members Area of the Harthill website www.harthillallotments.org.uk.

STAY SAFE - AND HAPPY PLOTTING!

