

The **HARTHILL** Plot

Indian Summer issue

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VANDALS STRIKE AT HARTHILL

You'll have noticed that there have been several incidents of vandalism at Harthill recently. Crops trashed, equipment stolen, a greenhouse damaged and - worst of all - beehives turned over. Obviously we don't know who is responsible and short of installing the most expensive CCTV system in the country, it will be difficult to find out. The committee has reported the incidents to the City Council and the Police.

Our local Police Community Safety Officer, Georgina Meade, patrols the area and is keeping an eye out for offenders. She tells us that several people have been caught and prosecuted for causing damage in the park itself so these may be some of the same people. Obviously if you see anything being done please contact either the committee or Georgina at Speke Police Station on 0151 777 5252. Apparently Speke is our 'local' police station now!

For the City Council, the officer for allotments tells us that we are not alone in this, with several other sites being hit. One of our problems is that the lowish stone walls are quite easily scaled and there's little we can do about this. Anti vandal paint isn't an option as the walls (rightly) have heritage status. Citywatch park patrols have been advised of the problem.

On an brighter note, Emily reports that the bees have survived but are a 'bit grumpy'.

Harthill - late summer



PUTTING OUT BONFIRES AND OTHER REMINDERS....

* Many of us have a small bonfire from time to time, disposing of uncompostable weeds etc. If you do light a fire please stay on site until it has burnt out. It is - obviously - dangerous to leave a fire unattended and - admittedly back in the day - the fire brigade has had to be called out to extinguish an out of control fire.

* Just a reminder that if you want to contact the Committee, we are now on members@harthillallotments.org.uk; for sales, contact sales@harthillallotments.org.uk. The website is www.harthillallotments.org.uk

* If your **contact details** change, please let us know at the above address.

* Please remember to **scramble locks**.

* Keep **paths** straight and free of overhanging plants.

* If you see one of the hedgehogs we'd love a photo.