

The **HARTHILL** Plot

Don't set fire to the hut

A curious instruction, perhaps but someone has been keeping a petrol strimmer in the hut! This is highly dangerous and would invalidate our insurance. PLEASE don't do this! In fact, there's no 'please' about it. Just don't do it. Obviously.

Phew what a scorcher issue

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Save Water!

We're not sure if this has been the wettest summer, hottest summer or just the worst summer, but it's certainly been a rollercoaster ride for the allotmenteer. One result of this is that our **water usage** has shot up, and we do have to pay for it. So please take care when watering. First of all, your plot probably doesn't need as much water as you think, the ground stores a lot from the really wet spells. So only water your plants when they need it - NOTHING needs watering every day. Secondly, don't water in the heat of the day - the water evaporates before it has the chance to soak in.

The wet early summer has of course encouraged the dreaded weeds and a number of plots are looking..well.. weedy. If you can't cope and are thinking of calling it a day, do let us know as we have a healthy waiting list and someone would be more than willing to take your place.

No Weed Mountains, please

Weeds need to be composted, burnt or dumped at the recycling centre. They do NOT need to be piled up in mounds around the site. Someone has created huge mounds of weeds near the side fence by plot 16 South. Whoever did this, PLEASE REMOVE THEM NOW! We all have to dispose of weeds within our own plots or off site at a proper centre.

Please prune your trees

We all love **trees** but on the site very tall trees can be a problem, shading other plots, hanging over other plots and obstructing paths. So please prune your trees and keep

them a reasonable size. we can advise if necessary.

As ever:

* **Keep paths clear and trim the edges of your plots.** The (volunteer) mowers can't do everything.

* **Only use the compost toilet if you are willing to follow the rules for using it.**

Everyone has to sit down for a wee and mustn't put loo paper in the urinal funnel. Can't believe I'm writing this again. Detailed, unsavoury, instructions are in the toilet and will be emailed out to everyone.

HARTHILL NEEDS YOU - REALLY!

We've said before that Harthill doesn't run itself and we get very limited support from the council, which has many demands on its resources. And we need bodies to carry out these tasks. Barbara will be resigning next year and will leave a big gap. If tasks such as letting plots, maintaining machinery, mowing paths doesn't get done, eventually the site would become unmanageable. So if you can help - we only meet every two months - please volunteer. **Harthill really does need you!**

