

The Harthill Plot

Please remember to:

SCRAMBLE THE LOCKS!

KEEP PATHS CLEAR!

COMPOST WEEDS!

PARK CAREFULLY!

MAKE PONDS SAFE!

Thanks

“Spring” 2013

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IT'S A MANURE THING

Well, it's spring at last – or at least the calendar says it is. It just seems that nobody seems to have told the weather. Anyway, it's the time of year when the allotmenteer's mind turns to manure. In fact you should have done all this in the autumn, but I needed a link!

Anyway, we're lucky at Harthill in having a nearby, almost limitless, supply of horse manure – the friend of the gardener over the ages. It is, of course, at Beechley stables, just 50 yards or so down the road. The stables are happy for us to take as much as we like, though you should always ask anyone who's around out of courtesy. If you've never been, just take one of our wheelbarrows, go through the side gate and the manure is in a sort of brick bunker on your left. It's pretty raw stuff, so it's best if you can to allow it to rot down a bit. We are looking in to using a trailer to bring a bulk supply up from Beechley, but even if we manage this it would all have to be distributed to plots on the day.

We have been spoiled over the years, of course, by having tons of manure delivered on site, free, from the Police stables. This is still available but we don't at present have a suitable site for it, away from the beech trees. We are trying to resolve this issue with the City Council but in the meantime get yourself down to Beechley

ROUND AND ABOUT

The last group work day had to be postponed due to there being 20 ft. snowdrifts and herds of caribou sweeping across the site. Well, not quite, but it was impossible to do any work anyway. The **next Work Day is Saturday 18 May at 10 am.** Put it in your diary now. It will definitely go ahead unless there is a dangerous heat wave.

Eleven plots have been let to **new tenants**, so **welcome to Harthill and happy allotmenting!** There are still 35 patient souls on the waiting list.

Investigations into a compostable toilet continue. In the meantime you'll have to use the ones in the park, a healthy walk away.

Bargains In Store!

The store still has stocks of:

- 6 ft. canes (fire damaged) @ 10p each;
- 8 ft. canes (fire damaged) @ 20p each;
- 2m wide antibird netting @ 75p per metre off the roll;
- 4m wide antibird netting @£1.40 per metre off the roll;
- 2m wide woven groundcover @ £1.20 per metre off the roll;
- 4m wide woven groundcover @ £2.40 per metre off the roll.

For purchases please contact the Secretary