

The **HARTHILL** Plot

Not so bleak midwinter issue

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RAMP PLAN FOR NEW TOILET; TAKE CARE WITH LOCKS

The waterless **compost toilet** is now well established and proving very popular. Our next task is to obtain and fit a ramp so that the toilet is wheelchair accessible. Of course, only a small part of the site is realistically accessible and should we get tenancy applications from wheelchair users we may need to consider a further grant application to make more plots accessible. Full instructions on how to use the toilet properly have been sent out with your tenancy renewal but please also note that the numbers on the key safe must be *fully scrambled* to lock it. Just changing one number doesn't do the trick.

The combination **lock to the main gate** has been found unlocked recently. This may well be because people have thought they've locked up but not checked properly. Please make sure that the lock is secure before leaving - we know that the lock can seem bit tricky.

HARTHILL NOT FOR SALE Whatever you read in political leaflets we can confirm that **Harthill Allotments are NOT for sale** and were removed from the list of potential sites for development last year, following representations from the Association. We tell anyone who suggests otherwise to correct their publications but this doesn't always work.

Please, as usual, remember:

***Keep paths clear
Scramble locks
Keep ponds safe (or fill them in)
Park safely***

WORK ON THE SITE is a bit slow at the moment - rice planting no doubt seems an attractive option for many of us. However, we will be doing some site maintenance so please make sure you *don't cut into the paths* and *remove any branches, brambles etc that overhang the paths*. If you're not quite sure where the path boundaries are, Barbara will help you out. And *special thanks* to everyone who came to the help day in January at such short notice.

We are still awaiting the next **MANURE DELIVERY** and when it does come we won't get much notice. So keep an eye out for emails from the Association because when it does come we need to ship it out onto plots quickly. The next **Group Help Day** is pencilled in for 19 March, so make a note in your diary - we'll confirm by email.

The Committee has started to draw up a list of **priorities for 2016**. Nothing quite like the excitement of the compost loo this year, we're afraid, but as well as the ramp we hope to make progress on:

* *A website for Harthill Allotments;*

* *A summer social occasion at the site. A barbecue perhaps, if it ever stops raining.*