

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) - Update

In these times of 'social-distancing', with no end to the lockdown in sight, it is paramount we continue to observe and practise the guidelines from the National Allotment Society.

- Keep hand sanitiser in your shed and wash your hands regularly
- Use hand sanitiser before opening and after closing any gate locks
- Wash hands when you get home
- DO NOT gather together for a chat even if you are 2 metres apart
- If you take your children to the plot, ensure that they stay within its confines and do not run around on communal paths and spaces.
- Do not share tools
- The water has now been turned on but do not wash your hands in troughs

Bonfires Bonfires are now banned on all allotment sites until the 31st August. Any allotment holder found having a bonfire will be in breach of their tenancy agreement.

Tips for May

1. Plant in pots or trays under glass, Dwarf and climbing French beans, runner beans, sweet corn, outdoor cucumbers, courgettes, pumpkins, squashes, outdoor cucumbers - all which can be planted out next month.
2. Savoy cabbage, winter cabbage, endive, kale and sprouting broccoli can all be sown in the open ground now, ready to be planted out next month.
3. This is also your last opportunity to sow peas and parsnips this year
4. Thin out whilst still very small, the seedlings of beetroot, carrots, lettuce, onions, parsnips, turnips and always water along the row to settle the disturbed seedlings back in, once the job is completed.
5. Put up poles for runner and climbing French beans. Support peas and broad beans before they become too tall. Start to earth up potatoes.
6. Keep hoeing between crops to control weeds and also create a "dust mulch" to conserve precious soil moisture. Try to water in the cool of the evening if possible using a watering can to direct the water around the root area of the crops.

