



# BTC Allotment Newsletter

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## June

Usually the risk of frost has passed by now, and with longer days there comes more sunshine and time to be in your allotment. If the weather is dry, then water your seed drills well before sowing any seeds – this way the young plants will develop a good root system.

Beetroot, broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, early peas, lettuce, rhubarb, spring onions, radish, spinach can all start to be harvested now. Lift the earliest potatoes towards the end of the month and continue earthing up the rows of your other varieties. June is the end of the asparagus season, so stop cutting and give the plants a top dressing of general fertiliser to help build up the crowns for next year. Start to harvest the first of your soft fruits.

Successional sowings of beetroot, kohlrabi, lettuce and winter cabbage seeds can all be done now – follow the instructions on the back of your seed packets, but it is worth starting them off in trays indoors and then transferring them outside after a couple of weeks. Sow every 2 - 4 weeks for a continual supply of produce.

Brussels sprouts, cabbages, cauliflowers, celeriac, courgettes, outdoor cucumbers, French and runner beans, leeks, pumpkins, squashes, sweet corn, outdoor tomatoes can all be planted out into their final position now. As with all young plants water in carefully and protect from birds with netting.

## General Waste Collection

Our lengthsmen have organised a series of 'General Waste' collection services for the allotment sites in June. The purpose of this service is to assist the allotment holders in Spring Cleaning their plots. Below are the details for each of the sites including locations and timings. Please be advised that this collection is for general waste only and the lengthsmen will not take;

- Insecticides / pesticides /fuels
- No boards / panels with suspected asbestos (AIB)
- No green waste / No household waste, only items from your allotment

As before all waste must be handed to the lengthsmen on the day and time stated below. Please do not leave the waste on site if you are unable to attend, it will not be taken away. Due to the amount of waste expected the lengthsmen will probably have to do a run to the recycling centre during the timeslot shown so if they are not on site when you arrive please wait, they will return.

- Dixons Land – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – 9am until 1pm (Holborn Road entrance)
- Wall Park – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – 12noon (car park area)
- Drew Street – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – 10.30am (do not leave in car park area)
- Mount Pleasant – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 10.30am – 10.45am
- Penn Lane – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 11.00am – 12noon (at the entrance on Penn Lane)

