



BTC Allotment Newsletter

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July

Harvest

Keep up with the harvesting of all crops because the allotment is now in full production. Lift early potatoes and carry on earthing up the rows. Harvest garlic and shallots as the foliage begins to become yellow and strawy. Pick the first of the early tomatoes. July is the start of globe artichoke season. If your plant is into its second year then cut off the top bulb once big and swollen with a couple of inches of stem attached. Lift autumn planted onions for immediate use. Continue to pick rhubarb until the end of the month and begin to harvest the main crop of your strawberries. Start to pick plums, early pears and apples.



Sowing and planting

Start sowing the seeds of the overwintering crops of kales, spring cabbage, radicchio, chicory, spinach beet and a hardy type of onion to mature in the early summer of next year. Now is the best time to sow the main crop of carrots to avoid attack from root fly. Continue with successional sowings of beetroot and lettuce. Follow the instructions on the back of the seed packet, and sow every 2 - 4 weeks for a continuous supply of crops.

General

Aim to keep the hoe moving at every opportunity. Water all crops at least once a week. Start to draw the soil up around the base of Brussels sprouts and sweet corn plants to encourage extra roots.



Inspection Visits

With the growing season in full swing we are seeing the 'fruits' of all your hard work on the allotments. At this time of year we would expect to see at least 75% of the plot cultivated and the allotment free from waste materials. Our lengthsmen are out and about on the allotments sites most days so if you need any advice or help on your plot, feel free to ask them (Please be aware of social distance guidelines).

Green Waste Collections

Our lengthsmen have organised a series of green waste collections. Please ensure you are on-site at the times shown below and do not leave your waste at the allotments for the Lengthsmen to collect, this is classed as fly-tipping. Green waste only will be taken. If the lengthsmen are not on-site when you arrive, please be patient as they are probably doing a 'tip' run.

- Dixons Land—23rd July 2021—9.30am—11am
- Wall Park—30th July 2021—9.30am—11am
- Drew Street (9:30am) Mount Pleasant (10.30am) Penn Lane (11am) - 13th August 2021