



Water

After several requests and considering the weather that was predicted, a decision was made to turn the water on earlier than usual at the allotment sites. Can we remind all tenants of section 14 in the terms and conditions of your tenancy; **“the tenant shall practise water conservation techniques including utilizing covered water butts attached to sheds and greenhouses and consider mulching as a water conservation practise”**. Therefore we would ask those allotment holders without any water harvesting equipment currently on their plots to make this a consideration this year.



April

April is a ‘let’s go for it!’ month on the allotment but proceed with caution. Hopefully we will all be feeling the benefit of the lengthening days and warm sunshine but beware there is always a price to pay with the treat of hard, night frosts never far away. Hold back and wait a day or two rather take a risk. It isn’t the loss of seedlings or young plants that causes the problems but the loss of your precious time that you will ever get back that does the damage. The allotment will always catch up eventually and reward your patience with bumper harvest.



Continue with planting out the seed potatoes; aim to complete the job by the end of April. Be prepared to cover the emerging shoots of the earlies with soil if a frost is forecast. Complete the planting of onion sets and carry on making successional sowings of beetroot, carrots, parsnips, lettuce, spinach, spring onions, kohlrabi, radish, turnips, early peas, Swiss chard.

New Padlock

Due to the lock at the Holburn Road entrance of Dixons Land Site being broken our lengthsmen managed to get it changed last week to a combination style lock. Unfortunately this lock was taken within a matter of hours of being fitted. A replacement will be fitted in due course but this will take a short while whilst we have it welded to the chain to prevent the new one being taken.

Missing Items

We have received a report of items going missing on allotments, sometimes being mistaken for items that tenants have left out for rubbish or donations. Could we please remind tenants to **not remove any items** from a plot that is not theirs even if it is believed the plot has been abandoned. Also, can we ask all tenants to ensure they have adequate locks on their sheds and greenhouses.