



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM BRIXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

COVID-19 National Lockdown

Although we are in a national lockdown, attending your allotment is permitted as it can be classed as your exercise for the day. Our lengthsmen will still be continuing their inspections and routine maintenance during this time. If you need to approach them whilst on-site could you please ensure you wear a face covering and maintain your 2m distance. If during lockdown you are unable to attend to your plot please email our office so we can update our records.

January



January is probably the coldest period of the winter and coming on top of the floods and heavy rains of just before Christmas it is well worth taking the time to look over the allotment and prioritise the jobs for the month. Top of the list has to be clean up the plot and dispose of all of the damaged and rotten crops. Don't worry too much about soil preparations for now just concentrate on clearing the way for a February blitz; weather permitting of course. Most of the overwintering vegetables will have suffered under the wet conditions make a list, visit the site shed or garden centres and get in what replacement seeds or bulbs you will need for your immediate needs.

Harvesting

Brussels sprouts, cabbages, leeks and parsnips, if they haven't been damaged by flood water. Check on any vegetables in store and discard any that have gone mouldy or rotten.

Sowing and planting

Patience is the watchword. The days are still too short and cold even think of sowing seeds either outdoors or in the open. A few sowings of onions, lettuce, peas, broad beans, radish and early carrots can be made under protection towards the end of the month. The January sun can push temperatures quite high so give a little air to the transplanted lettuce plants on warm days closing down early in the afternoon.

Towards the end of the month when the weather and soil conditions allow plant out soft fruit bushes. Spray all fruit trees and bushes with a garlic winter wash on a fine day; do not spray in frosty conditions. It won't hurt to hold the job over to next month.

Green Waste Collection

The green waste collection will be resuming shortly so please keep checking our website and notice boards. If you have supplied us with you email address we will send you a notification. If you don't think we have your email please send it through to info@brixhamtowncouncil.gov.uk.

