



SEPTEMBER JOBS

In many ways this month can be regarded as the start of the new gardening year. Now is a good time to take stock of the successes and failures of this year and make plans to ensure that next year will be the best ever. Also, if you are starting out from scratch you will have plenty of time to prepare the ground whilst planning your dream allotment.

Harvesting

Top of the list has to be onions and potatoes they need to be got out of the soil before the cold, damp days of autumn arrive. They have completely the opposite storage requirements. Onions must to be kept in the light and potatoes need to be stored in the dark to prevent them from turning green, but both have to be stored somewhere that will keep the frost out.



Harvest apples and pears as they become ready and pick the late season strawberries and raspberries to keep them producing fruit. They will keep cropping right up until the first frost.

Cut courgettes and marrows regularly because they will be finished by the end of the month, as will outdoor tomatoes. Remove any green tomatoes and place them in a drawer or shoebox to ripen.

Tenancy Renewals

On the 1st September all tenancy renewals and invoices were posted to all of the allotment holders. Please ensure you have signed your new agreement and paid your invoice before the **30th September 2021**. If you have not received your new 2021/22 tenancy and invoice or you do not wish to renew your tenancy, please call the Council Office on 01803 859678.

Slow Worms

Whilst the lengthsman have been carrying out various maintenance issues on the sites they have been coming across an abundance of Slow Worms. Can we please remind all allotment holders that Slow Worms are a protected species and must be treated as such. Take care when digging your ground or clearing areas. For further information on Slow Worms go to: <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/reptiles/slow-worm>

