

KASHS NEWSLETTER-

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the Allotment Newsletter!

SPRING 2025



AGM

Wednesday 30th April 2025

Kirkgate Working Men's Club

Doors open at 7pm. Proceedings commence at 7.30pm

Free drink and packet of crisps for KASHS members!

(Agenda and minutes of last year's meeting will follow nearer the time)



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This is an important date in the KASHS diary, and we very much hope you can make it.

Last year we had an impassioned talk by Polli Appleyard about Resurrected Bites, the outcome of which saw collections of surplus produce being donated, and delivered to Resurrected Bites, under the leadership of John Evans.

This year we have asked Geoff Freeston to talk about Knaresborough Forest Park and the rewilding project. I am sure that this will be of great interest to our members, many of whom are shareholders in the park.

Another important item on the agenda is the election of the KASHS Officers and Committee. I am prepared to stand as Chair, for one more year only, and I hope to find a successor to take over in 2026. Kirsty is also prepared to stand as Secretary for one more year, so will also need replacing next year. Stewart will stand as Treasurer and most of the rest of the Committee are also prepared to stand for re-election.

Neil Crossley, who has served KASHS as Treasurer and Site Manager, has sadly resigned from the Committee, due to ill health. Neil has contributed so much to KASHS over the years, collecting rents, painting sheds, managing the site, and leading many working parties. Thankfully he is now recovering and is focusing on his long term health, and spending time with his wife, Janice. Neil is still around on the allotment to give us help and advice, but his contributions to the Committee will be sorely missed. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Neil, for all he has done over the years and wish him all the very best.

It is imperative that we plan for the future and increase our numbers, so we now urgently need two new members to join the Committee. It does not have to be a huge commitment, usually just four evening meetings a year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rob Snow or any member of the Committee.

Many thanks, Rob





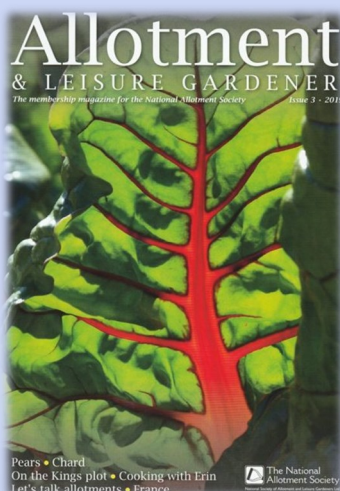
Changes to Allotment Rules and Regulations

The Committee have been busy updating our contracts, constitution, rules and regulations. The bulk of the work has been done by Kirsty, our Secretary and there are a number of reasons why it was necessary. Firstly, we needed to align our regulations with our new contract with Knaresborough Town Council. Secondly, we wanted to clarify what is acceptable practice regarding cultivation, weeds, bonfires, use of chemicals and rubbish, etc.

Thirdly, we want to include the practice of plot inspections, so that members know when inspections will take place and exactly what is expected. Finally, we feel it is time our allotment rules reflected changing styles of cultivation and prioritise environmental issues.

We hope that you will welcome the new rules, which are attached to this email, and we invite you to bring to our attention anything you think may need reconsidering. Please address any comments to Kirsty. (kirstyjane.woodford@gmail.com).

National Allotment Society



The theme for the year is Allotments and Wellbeing. This is to emphasise how allotments help boost physical, mental, social and nutritional health; from harvesting vegetables, and finding calm in gardening, to forming new friendships, allotments bring so much joy and purpose to our lives.

It's also a great time to remind everyone how important it is to protect these precious spaces. As our towns and cities grow, allotments need our support to keep thriving, as places for people and wildlife alike, for generations to come.

Just to echo these thoughts, please be kind and respectful to your neighbours. You can do this by keeping your weeds under control, ensuring that paths are clear, and that trees and structures do not block light from your neighbours. Finally, you won't get any benefit from your allotment if you don't come down., so enjoy your plot and have a great growing season!

You can access the NAS Magazine by visiting:

<https://thenas.org/login>

Username: rob59knares@gmail.com ;

Password: knaresboroughallotments

F E V A

FEVA Open Day Sunday 10 August 2025

Although this seems along way off, we need to prepare for Feva now to make it even better than last year.

Much of what we already do works well, so we hope to continue with the Community Stars tea stall, the produce stall, vegetable animal carving, quiz trail and outside visitors, The new additions that worked really well last year included the tombola and the garden tools sale, for the Prickly Pigs Hedgehog Charity.

We are hoping that members will keep any unwanted items, to donate to the tombola. Kim from plot 12A is working at ideas to make the day more child friendly, with craft activities and a face painter has been arranged. The Open Day does take a great deal of planning and preparation, so if you can offer any assistance or have ideas on how to improve the event, please get in touch with a member of the committee, we will be very pleased to hear from you!

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Bonfire

We do try to discourage individual bonfires, so we are planning a communal bonfire on **Monday 17th or Tuesday 18th March** (weather dependant).

Normal rules apply; no treated wood, non-organic material or weeds etc. It is a good opportunity to have a tidy up and collect material suitable for burning.

Items can be left this weekend, on the grass, next to Mr Noddings bench (half way down the track).

Mike Prest

A big thankyou to Mike Prest, from Knaresborough Horticultural Society, for coming and giving us pruning demonstrations and advice. Throughout the weekend, over 45 people attended. They particularly appreciated the individualised advice and recommendations, such as the use of hops around raspberries and fruit bushes, rather than risking the transfer of diseases from woodchip.

Mike is also running demonstrations on sowing seeds and growing in containers, at Moorland Nurseries

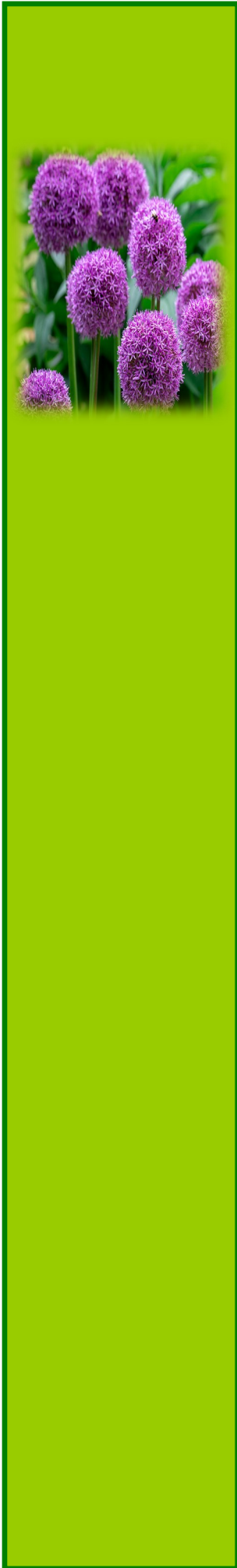
on the last two weekends in March.



Many of our plot holders are members of Knaresborough Horticultural Society, which regularly hold interesting talks and demonstrations.

Their next meeting is on 19th March at the HUB, St John's Church. Doors open at 19.00pm and the talk, from the Yorkshire Mushroom Emporium, begins at 19.30pm. Admission for non-members is £5.





New Noticeboard

We recently applied for a grant from Knaresborough Town Council for a new Noticeboard, to replace our existing board at the exchange point, which is rather an embarrassment!



We are delighted to report that they have agreed to gift us a new noticeboard, which will be positioned at the entrance to the side. There will be two sides; one side will be locked, for the use of the committee, the other side will be accessible to members, who will be able to post notices relevant to the allotments. The sign will be made of recycled plastic and should last for many years to come. .

We would like to thank Knaresborough Town Council for their ongoing support.

We hope to see lots of you at the AGM and are looking forward to the new growing season!

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