

# *Court Oak Road & Tennial Lane Allotments Association*

## **SECOND NEWS LETTER SEPTEMBER 2012**

<http://www.buddlejagarden.co.uk/allotment/home.html>

Welcome to the second newsletter! It's coming round to that time of year again when the rents need to be paid. Raid those piggy banks! As usual we shall be collecting the rents at the Court Oak Shed every Sunday morning between 11:00 and 12:00 in October and will be available to collect rents at Tennial Lane on two Saturday mornings as last year.

We would ask that you pay your rent through the Association otherwise we don't receive commission on it. This commission is essential to run the Association as it pays for things like administration, printing these newsletters and carrying out maintenance on the sites. And don't forget that if you are late (after the end of October) you have to pay through the City Council and they will levy a £10 late payment penalty charge.

If you can't make any of these times contact the Secretary to arrange payment. Cheques should be made payable to CORTLAA.

### **Rent Collection Times 2012**

<b>Court Oak Road Sunday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10:00-12:00</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>11:00-12:00</b>
	<b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>11:00-12:00</b>
	<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>11:00-12:00</b>
	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>11:00-12:00</b>
<b>Tennial Lane Saturday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>12:00-1:00</b>
	<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>12:00-1:00</b>

### **Rents for 2012-2013**

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Over 60</b>
<b>Large</b>	<b>£90</b>	<b>£45</b>
<b>Standard</b>	<b>£75</b>	<b>£37.50</b>
<b>Small</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>Mini</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>£20</b>

## **Birmingham City Council Allotment Rules**

Many plot-holders wouldn't have seen the up-to-date Allotment Rules. You can find them on our website:

<http://www.buddlejagarden.co.uk/allotment/rules.pdf>

If you need a paper copy we have them in the Shed and you can pick up a copy any Sunday morning 11:00-12:00.

We would like to remind plot-holders about rule 9.2: Paths between two Allotment Gardens must be a minimum of 600mm (2') in width where possible and must be kept reasonably free from weeds up to the nearest half width by each adjoining Tenant. With the terrible weather this year many paths are becoming impassable with weeds. If you are unsure about your path or boundaries please get in touch with one of us and we can help out.

Whilst on the subject of weeds: we have all had problems with them this year but please remember to cut them back now before they spread their seeds everywhere.

### **Accident Book**

If you have an accident that results in injury on either site you should report it. We have an Accident Book in the Shed on Court Oak Road which you can fill in when the Shed is open on a Sunday. Alternatively, contact the Secretary on the e-mail or telephone 07587 number below to report the incident.

### **Contact Information**

We would like to distribute this newsletter and information from the Council by e-mail. If you would like to be kept informed please send an e-mail to the Secretary with your name, site and plot-number.

The Committee consists of 13 elected members and meets every two months at Quinborne. **We always are looking for more Committee members, especially plot-holders from Tennial Lane.**

The elected officers are:

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Copies of minutes are available on the Website and/or will be available in the Shop and on the two notice boards.

STOP-PRESS: The Association has purchased a scythe-mower to clear overgrown and abandoned plots. This is for use on both sites and should make it easier to let empty plots to new people.