

barnet allotment federation

NEWS & NOTES – MARCH 2014

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Allotment visits: Following the issuing of the new leases, Andrew Brown, BAF's Support Officer, is intending to visit every allotment society during the spring. The purpose of these visits will be:

- 1 To gather information about the present circumstances of your society, what sort of problems you now face after signing the lease and how the Barnet Allotment Federation may be able to help you with those, and
- 2 To offer advice during the visit and subsequently on your society's priority issues.

Think of this as an offer of a free consultation! He has in mind a quick escorted tour of your site and then to sit down with a group of your officers to discuss the issues you identify. Visits will take 1-2 hours.

Because of his present travel time to the borough he will want to group the visits so that he sees two or three societies on the same day. Visit days will include the Mondays when BAF holds its monthly meeting - these are 17 March, 14 April (see below), 19 May and 16 June. But he will also visit on other days including weekends. Will you please discuss this with your colleagues now and let him know your preferred days for a meeting so that he can assemble a programme of visits which suit everyone. Andrew can be contacted on achbrown1946@gmail.com or on 01509 416 898.

April meeting date: Because of Easter, the monthly meeting in April has been brought forward to the second Monday of that month, ie Monday 14 April.

Woodhouse report that they are selling bulk items such as compost\manure etc, and supplies of seed potatoes and onions. They are inviting other sites to purchase from their Trading Hut and have a stock list available for Fed reps. See <http://www.woodhouseontheweb.org.uk/> for further information and contact details.

Glebelands will also be opening its Trading Hut on Legion Way, N12 0QF to prospective purchasers from other sites and stock lists and shop opening times will shortly be posted on their website – <http://www.glebelandsallotments.org>

Reporting break-ins: Derek Norman at Mill Hill has kindly offered to be a conduit for reporting allotment site break-ins to the police - the community team in his area are trying to build up a borough-wide picture. It would be helpful if societies could report future break-ins to Derek for this purpose - in addition to reporting the crime to the police in the normal way.

Barnet's Local Plan consultations: A number of societies have been emailed by the council about Barnet's Local Plan consultations. Mill Hill and Hale and West Finchley are the current target areas and societies in these areas should check (contact details below) whether they are part of the pre-engagement with stakeholders that is currently underway.

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