

NEWS LETTER AUTUMN 2012



Theft

There have been several incidents of theft on our sites over the last few months, unfortunately there is very little the police or the Town Council can do without sound evidence, we urge all our plot holders to

- be vigilant
- lock all site gates behind you (on arrival and when you leave)
- avoid giving combination code numbers to non plot holders
- do not keep unnecessary valuables in your shed / greenhouse
- report all thefts to the Warden (who will then contact the Allotments Officer) and the local Police (telephone 101) you will be given an incident report number, if enough holders report thefts the police will be able to investigate the matter further

Water

Although we have had more rain than we could have wished for there have been a few instances of leaking taps on our allotment sites and we would ask that if you notice a dripping tap please report this to your site Warden who will then report the matter to the Allotments Officer for repair. Please note the water will be turned off week commencing **29th October 2012** and will be turned back on in April 2013.

Bonfires

It has been reported by local residents that several of our allotment sites have been lighting bonfires and allowing smoke to drift. Bonfires are only permitted on our sites for the purpose of burning diseased plants and should never be left unattended. All other rubbish should be taken home and disposed of.

Fly Tipping

In an effort to keep your site clean and tidy please report any fly tipping to your site Warden.

Site Toilets

Several of you, during the summer months, reported that the toilets were not being serviced and ACE Liftaway were contacted immediately and a swift resolution sought. As a direct result of this the Town Council are negotiating a new contract that is more suited to our needs.

Noticeboards

Plot holders' Surgery, the Allotment Sub Committee are hosting a surgery prior to the scheduled Allotment Sub Committee meetings. The surgery is available for our plot holders who wish to meet the committee members and discuss any concerns that you may have regarding your allotment plot/site, these surgery's will be held at the Andover Town Council Offices.. Details of the dates and timings will be posted on the allotment site noticeboards.

Website www.andover-tc.gov.uk

The Town Council have been working hard to publish information regarding the allotment sites, with the launch of the Allotments section on our website. There will be lots of information relating to the allotment sites that will be of interest to you.