



Allerton Allotments Society (AAS)

Newsletter (17) March 2026

Updates

- Thanks to the hard work of Kevin (Parr) we now have a website. We hope to go live on the 1st April and will let you know the address asap. Let us know what you think of it and if you have any ideas please contact Kevin.
- The Bollard at the top gate has now been lowered.
- There has been a lot of activity on the site – especially given the weather! The winning flag design is now made and will be flying on Sundays and Wednesdays to show that the shed is open and the kettle is on!
- The bay area has been cleared and flagged. It was hard work and so thanks to Denis, Sam, Mick and Paul T (Plot 56b) for shifting and laying the heavy flags. This means it's ready for the start of free woodchip deliveries.



- The standpipes were becoming unstable and new supports have been added to alleviate this issue. The site water will be switched on 1st April. Please remember you must not use hosepipes to water your plot

News

Environmental Impact Audit

We are mindful of the impact we have at the Allotments on our environment. We have identified 4 key areas where we think we could make a difference.

1. Water Storage
2. Ways to improve soil health
3. Number and types of trees
4. Bee and pollinator friendly planting

It seems best to look at this in stages. 2025 was such a dry year and our water meter charges increased substantially due to our massively increased water consumption. It therefore seems appropriate to begin with the issue of water collection and increasing our capacity to store water.

We have applied to United Utilities for a grant to help us improve the way we harvest water and how we store it. Meanwhile, however, we would like to carry out a survey of our site to see how well we are currently managing water and would like your help in this. So please look at your own plot and see how you can improve water collection.

The information we collect, resources we share and the improvements we make will help to make our site more sustainable, increase biodiversity and will make a huge contribution towards maintaining our status as an Asset of Community Value.

Social Events

Sunday 22nd March and Sunday 29th March – Seed Swap

Sundays in May – Seedling Swap each Sunday in May

Saturday 4th April from 12.00 Easter Social in the Big Shed. Share cake and a cuppa with fellow plot holders.

Big Shed Opening Times

The Big shed will be open on Sundays from 10am – 12pm. In addition, on 1st April, Wednesday opening times will resume from 10am – 12pm.

Reminders

FIRES – The last date for the lighting of fires is 15th March.

PATHS - The grass is already growing fast! Please ensure your path edges are cut and kept in good order. This also applies to main path edges to ensure the safety of the person driving the ride on mower. If you need to make repairs to your path, please check with the committee first **before** closing it.

SHEDS, GREENHOUSES AND TREES – Don't forget you must fill in the relevant form before you add or change any of these.

March Jobs

We have a lot of new plot holders, many starting out for the first time. One of the most frequently asked questions is about knowing what to do when. There is a really useful website called Garden Focused which will create a free, personalised growing plan for you based on what crops you want to grow and whereabouts you are in the country.

www.gardenfocused.co.uk

Instructions for printing your calendar when it is generated, [click here](#).

VEGETABLE

Asparagus: Yes: No:

Beetroot: Yes: No:

Broad Beans: Yes: No:

Broccoli - Sprouting: Yes: No:

Brussels Sprouts: Yes: No:

Cabbage - Spring: Yes: No:

Cabbage - Summer: Yes: No:

Calabrese: Yes: No:

Carrot: Yes: No:

Cauliflower summer: Yes: No:

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For viewers in **Ireland** (north and south), **Scotland, Wales, or France**, [click here](#) to go to the pages specially dedicated to frost dates in those countries. This page is for readers in England with towns that begin with the letter L. To adjust your dates, click the downward arrow (▼) in the box below. Click on your town from the list shown then click the "CLICK HERE TO SET DATES TO SELECTED TOWN" box below.

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MARCH	
Week 1	Asparagus - sow seeds inside
Week 1	Broad Beans - sow seeds outside in spring
Week 2	Brussels Sprouts - sow seed of early varieties
Week 3	Asparagus - apply spring fertiliser
Week 4	Beetroot - sow seeds under cloches
Week 4	Broad Beans - transplant pot grown plants to open ground
Week 4	Brussels Sprouts - thin seedlings as they appear
APRIL	
April on	Asparagus - harvest when 15cm high

So simply choose your vegetables and fruit, adjust your location and generate your calendar.

HAPPY SOWING!

