



Allerton Allotments Society (AAS)

Newsletter (20) July 2026

Association of Liverpool Allotments Best Plots and Best Site Competition 2026

A reminder that ALA judging day will be on one day between 6-10th July – it's likely to be Tuesday 7th. It is your last chance to get your plot in as good a condition as possible before the judges arrive. It would be lovely to win best site in the city again this year!

ALA is also running an additional competition this year where you can submit a photo of best blooms from any time this year on site. If you would like to enter, please forward your best plot flower photos taken in 2026 with good definition and your plot number to keswickroadallotment@g.mail.com The closing date for entries is 25th August and ALA rules state that it's open to plot holders only.

Big Shed Opening Times

The Big shed will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 10am – 12pm.

Updates

Thanks to committee members and plot holders for volunteering to paint the Big Shed. It has now had 3 coats. Improvements have also been made to the area around the toilet.



Also a big thank you to Ian for his very informative talk on bees. In an hour long talk he answered various questions asked by plot holders and Kevin has put a summary of these on the website.

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Bee behaviour is fascinating and mostly positive for plot holders. Whilst Ian has addressed some recent concerns with the bees, the committee are continuing to monitor any plot holder concerns.

Site Security

The overwhelming majority of plot holders understand the importance of ensuring the site is kept secure. However there have been a couple of incidents recently in which the site has been left open. Whether this is malicious or simple absent mindedness, the fact is the site is left vulnerable to unwanted outside attention. Please ensure whichever gate you use is padlocked correctly when you arrive and when you leave. Site security is a collective responsibility. It is the single most important way we can continue to enjoy our plots in safety and peace.

Dates for your diary

- **Sunday 5th July AAS Summer Social** – 11.30am – 3pm. We are really hoping to have a BBQ this year! If you remember we had to change it to soup last year because the weather was so bad! Fingers crossed for this year! Please let Sam know if you would like to come and if you are planning on bringing salad, dips or cakes.
- **Tallest Sunflower Competition** – the judging will be on the 6th September.
- **July/ August Scarecrow Competition** - You can go mad with your imagination this year, let us know if you are entering a scarecrow and vote for your favourite on 16th August.
- **16th August** We are celebrating **National Allotment Week** with a site show. We would also like to have two events - perhaps to start and end the week. Any ideas most welcome.
<https://thenas.org.uk/national-allotments-week>



- **RHS Bridgewater in Autumn** – As you know we are members of the RHS and as such get 50 free tickets to visit an RHS Garden. Kevin (Parr) is currently organising a trip to Bridgewater on Wednesday 23rd September. If you would like to go, please message Kevin directly on 07800 723748.

Community Notices

Grow your Own Day - Palm House Sefton Park - Sunday 27th September 10am - 4pm. This is part of their 25th Birthday celebration and is a fundraising event for the Palm House charity. There are various categories that you can enter –

- Most Aesthetic Vegetable
- Largest
- Wonky Vegetable
- Unknown Fruit and Vegetable
- Balcony / Tight space

Lots more information can be found here [Grow your Own Day Vegetable Competition](#)

First Aid Kit



The first aid box is fixed on the front of the Big Shed to the right of the door.

However, it is important that you have any personal emergency meds with you on site and in addition your own basic first aid kit.

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Jobs for Summer

- Young crops should be kept well-watered in either morning or evening. As always, keep hoeing as young weeds will soon wilt if hoed off in the sun.
- Early potatoes can be lifted as required and green manure seeds can be sown straightaway in the vacant soil. Seed available in the Big Shed.
- Use a liquid feed on most crops in moist soil. This can be seaweed feed from the allotment shop or homemade from nettles, comfrey etc.
- A last sowing of dwarf French beans can be made early in July for a September harvest.
- Sow and plant brassicas for winter and spring harvests. These should be planted out into firm soil as soon as they are ready.
- Keep sowing small batches of salad crops such as lettuce, radish, spring onions etc. preferably in a shady spot.

Lots more information can be found on the National Allotment Society website –
thenas.org.uk/monthlyjobsmay <https://thenas.org.uk/June-Gardening-Checklist>

or at the RHS - www.rhs.org.uk/advice/grow-your-own/in-month/may-jobs
<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/in-month/june>

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

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