

# West Byfleet Allotments Newsletter

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## Competition Time

The Woking Allotments competition judging will take place on 8th & 9th of July. In addition to the Tunis Cup for the best kept allotment site, there are individual plot holders prizes awarded. If you want to be nominated for any of these categories, please let me know before 21st June.

### Individual categories are:

- Ted Smith Shield Best Plot in Borough
- Leam challenge Shield Best 1st Year Plot holder
- Benstead Scroll Best Plot Cultivated by a Gardener over 70 Years of Age
- Ashley Slocock Best Plot Cultivated by a Lady

Available for download are the judging criteria. Last year WBA plot holders were awarded 1st prize for best plot and 1st prize for best ladies plot, 2nd prize for best over 70s, 6th and 7th for best new comer, whilst the site went from 11th to 2nd equal for best allotment site.

## Reminders

### Bonfires

Spring and summer is not the time for bonfires. The smoke can penetrate growing fruit and vegetables and taint their taste. If you have rubbish you need to get rid of during the growing seasons, please take it to Martyr's Lane.

### Paths

Please remember it is your responsibility to keep paths under control, and to help your neighbours mow grass try to keep netting and fencing away from the edge so it doesn't catch the mower/stripper blades. Any extra areas of grass you feel you can help with is of course always welcome.

### Trading Hut

We have now re-stocked with compost, and have managed to keep the price at £4.50 a bag.

### Lower Car Park

Many thank to all of you who helped with the lower car park. Particular thanks to Rob and Dave for an excellent job in re-bricking.

### **Main Gate**

We intend to trial the locking of the main gate at some point this year. The concept is that the first person in the morning will open the gate and the last car leaving will lock it behind them. The lock (combination) will be fixed such that you will be able to open it from the inside in case you get locked in. We are awaiting the supply of the lock from Woking BC.

### **Summer BBQ**

If you would like a BBQ this summer, then please let me know. Currently potential dates are 6th, 19th July. I know we can't please everyone, but if you can give a preference... If you are willing to help, that would be great.