

NATIONAL ALLOTMENT WEEK begins 4th to 10th August.

All those holding events, GOOD LUCK and hope the weather holds.

Thank you everybody for the welcome back messages.

Had a wonderful holiday up in Northumberland. Great weather, lovely accommodation and good company.

Well rested to take on Southport.

SO EXCITED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Withington Hedgehog Care Trust

Their aim is to treat injured hedgehogs and if possible release them back into the wild, to care for those that cannot be released and to educate both children and adults about hedgehogs, their environment and ways in which they can help the hedgehogs and their plight.

Look up their facebook page. Withington Hedgehog Care Trust desperately need funds to carry on their work.

DO YOU HAVE ANY FUND RAISING IDEAS???

Charity no: 1092015

Before I left for my break I read on facebook that Bebington Road Allotments had suffered major damage by mindless idiots.

This is a recurring problem on all Allotment sites around the country.

Areas have set up Allotment Watch schemes to help tackle this problem.

If you should experience such incidents let me know. I know we can't offer anymore than support but getting the word out in the area will hopefully put others on their guard. Thanks

Hi Andrea,

Some time ago you asked for a control of horsetail weeds, also often wrongly called marestail - which is a similar plant that lives in boggy ground.

The weedkiller is called Kurtail and it turns the horsetail black and kills it in a couple of weeks. It is £34.00 for 500ml but this is then diluted 25ml/ltr with water and applied with a spraygun directly to the leaves, the soil can be planted as soon as the spray has dried so there is no waiting period as with products like pathclear or ammonium sulphate (12 weeks).

Taken from the website:

"At the rate recommended, Kurtail weedkiller will give complete control of annual and perennial weeds including thistles, couch grass and the nightmare weed horse tail (often confused with mare's tail (*hippuris vulgaris*), mares tail is an aquatic weed, please note Kurtail is not approved for aquatic use).

Kurtail is degraded after contact with the soil and crops can be drilled or planted immediately after application except on sands or very light or immature peat soils. When using Kurtail on these soils allow 3 days to elapse before planting or drilling or before emergence of crops drilled prior to treatment. For best results treatment should be made to actively growing weeds between 1st March and 30th September. Kurtail works only when plants are actively growing.

Kurtail will give effective control of horsetail/mares tail through foliar (leaf) application. Best results are obtained by applying to approximately 20cm of healthy plant growth above ground. It is also preferable to allow the horsetail/marestail weed to wither and die naturally before cutting or removing the weed. If this is not possible, then a minimum of 3 weeks should elapse before cutting or removing. Any horsetail/mares tail roots which emerge after treatment will require respraying."

Regards, Terry

Arthur Jervis. Alsager Allotment Association.

He would like to make contact with other members who grow late flowering chrysanthemums. To hopefully share experiences. If you would like to link up with Arthur get back to me and I will forward your message on.

I have been asked for the most up to date water regulations affecting allotments.

With more and more sites now taking on self management. The attached document may be of use (supplied by Diane Appleyard. Legal articles have appeared recently in the ALG magazine-back copies available digitally in the members section of the nsalg website).

If you can't remember your password drop me a line and I will find it for you.

Tony Niblock would like to remind everybody wishing to enter the Wirral Flower and Veg Show on the 10th August that entries must be in by the 9th August and that it is an Open Show.

Please check out the website <http://www.wirralflowershow.co.uk> or ring 0151 6511 512 for the schedule.

With the possible link to pesticides harming the bee population. Pesticide Action network UK has compiled a list of products to avoid using in the garden. (list attached).

Over Allotments Winsford have once again booked the Mikron Theater Group for one night only 26th September. Performing TROUPERS (see attached).

Congrat's must also go for their amazing OPEN DAY (attached news report).

As well as honey from their hives being awarded first prize at the Cheshire Show, they raffled off two jars at the OPEN DAY each went for £26!

WELL DONE GUY's.

I have a request from Moss Lane Allotment Society, Macclesfield.

They are considering installing a composting toilet on site and have asked if any member site in Cheshire, Greater Manchester or nearer would allow them to visit so as to see these things in action.

Please get back to me and I will pass you on to Nick Mannion.

Just made our final visit to Southport to rubber stamp our requirements.

We have a great pitch at the entrance to the show.

Those of you who kindly volunteered to help.

Many thanks again.

Could you possibly get back to me with the days you will be available.

Monday 11th we need muscle to set everything in place.

Tuesday and Wednesday we will be dressing the display.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will need at least five people to help per day on the display.

I need to have an idea for T-shirts for those working on show days.

We are limited to 10 free passes a day so please understand if you offer and I have to turn you down. Your offer is appreciated.

Keep your submissions for the website coming in. New events added weekly.
Would love to share any Open Day pic's.
Facebook page has taken off, 92 likes including many out of our area.
Have now managed to link up with many of you through your pages.
There are some amazing things going on around the region.
Amazes me just how many of you give up your time to support your sites.
My admiration goes out to you.

SHED PIC'S
ONE MORE WEEK TO SUBMIT YOUR SHED PIC's.

That's it for this week.
If you have any questions, requests (sound like a radio station) or just want to share your success drop me a line.

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