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### Emergency Contacts

The landlord's agent,  
Stephanie Keighley,  
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**Water and Trees:** Inform Stephanie of any water issues and wind damage to trees on site.

**Vandalism:**  
POLICE for EVERY incident: call 101  
**Call 999 for trouble in progress**

**Please give Deborah the URN number for any site crime you report.**



Lemon grass

# It's Time to Dis

## Autumn Meeting

Once again we combined a quiz and social evening with our AGM. Ian Duddle set a high bar with this years quiz questions but the four teams all did very well and the winners got a box of chocs.

The committee was re-elected and Phil was confirmed as treasurer. We welcome new committee member Shireen Robson. Thank you to everyone who came.

The minutes are on our website  
[www.tilehurstallotments.co.uk](http://www.tilehurstallotments.co.uk)  
MinutesAGM2018.doc

## Fete

We are barely into winter, but it's already time to think about next summer. The fete on the Victoria Recreation ground is our main fund raising event. When you are taking cuttings and planting seeds, please do a few extra to donate to our stall in June. Flowers, Vegetables, Herbs and shrubs; they all sell well.



Four teams ponder tough quiz questions

### Plot Holders Committee 2018/2019

Chair	David Griffiths	PB10	0118 9421141	
Secretary	Deborah Dadd	AA17	0787 944 8736	
Treasurer	Phil Smith	AB8b		
Membership Secretary	Mary Bartlett	AB7a	Shireen Robson	PB6A
Committee	William Macphee	PC2	Colin Robinson	AA20
	David Elton	PC5b	Phil Smith	AB8b
	Jenny Cottee	AA9	Rita Brown	KoG
	Chandra Burathoki & Peter Beard			Gurka Assn.

## Site Security

A reminder that the site is closed by the landlord on Christmas day, from dusk on 24<sup>th</sup> until dusk on 25<sup>th</sup> December.

Mark your tools so that you can recognise them if they are found on another plot.

We have a problem with someone fly tipping wood chips on our carpark. This reduces the space available for parking. There are three things you can do to help. First, keep the carpark gate locked. Second, don't open the gate for other people, especially anybody who claims that 'Colin', 'Jenny', 'Dave' or anyone else says "It's OK." Third, keep using the wood chips, on the paths, in your compost or take them home.



## Health and Safety

The site water supply will be turned off for the winter on 8<sup>th</sup> December. This is to protect it from frost. We don't want any pipes to freeze and burst.

Please be considerate with bonfires; only burn dry material and make sure the wind is not blowing smoke at any of our neighbours. Make sure there are no animals in the heap, especially slow worms and hedgehogs. Be sure the fire is completely out before leaving the site.

## Manure

Mandy Dawes still has loads of well rotted horse manure. Her driver, Andrew, delivers it to our allotment site for £60 per load. A lot has already been delivered. To order yours, text or phone Mandy on 07764 796629



## My Plot

We have all enjoyed a lustrous end to a glorious Summer, with many flowers continuing to bloom long after the first cold snaps of Winter. Amazingly, moving in to December, there are still residual blooms to be seen; pansies, marigolds, fever few. Normally strangers to Winter, they have persisted this time. I wonder which plot will bear the last bright bloom-will it be yours?

Winter crops this year are also especially vibrant, the most striking being the sturdy heads of winter chard, the stems such a warming orange, and close by, some deep reds, a real eye pleaser when they stand together. It is also interesting to see current trends reflected on our plots, with more and more cavallo nero, majestic to look at, alongside our good old towering Christmas friends, the sprouts. None of this is surprising for November, but what has surprised me on this week's plot-about is the strength and vibrancy of the 2018 parsley. If you have grown some this year, thank you for the cheer, what a vivid green!

Shireen

## It's never too cold to work the plot!

Keeping warm whilst working our plots was never an issue; the work itself takes care of that. But this year why not branch out from hugging a flask while you pause? Delve instead into the pile of wood chips, and you will find nature's own radiator just inches below the surface. Kindest to those in gloves who don't want splinters, this is just one more benefit of the slow composting process. Don't forget to pile it back high-the higher the better-for others to enjoy!

