

Allotment News

March 2023



Your Committee

Helen Howard (chair) (plot 26a), Lin Walkerdine (treasurer)(plot 32e) Deb Chalk (plot 29a), Carol Hitchcock (plot 2 &3), Evva Kania (plot 9c & d), Cicely Stone (plot 24c) Richard Lamberton (plot 16a). Email: LHSLittlebourne@gmail.com

We still have vacant plots.

Please welcome Kelly Twyman (plot 43D), Hannan and Tasmina (plot 4)

Working Party 15/16 April

Can you join us on either of these two days please? Between 10 and 12 to strim or cut grass, bang in marker posts and help with other small maintenance tasks around the site? Tea and cake on offer!

This year's plans for plot prizes:

As last year, an independent judge will visit the site and help us award plot prizes.

In addition we want to reward members who take on new projects that benefit the environment and wildlife. There will be prizes for adults and for children, if they run their own project. Here are some examples of positive actions that some members are already using:



Biological control: nematodes for slugs, ladybird or lacewing larvae for aphids; small ponds for frogs and toads; water for bees and birds to drink;



hiding and breeding places for slow worms and grass snakes; flowers that produce pollen for bees; feed plants for less common caterpillars and moths, such as brimstone or chalk blue butterflies;



small bug hotels, or solitary bee hives; cover crops for winter; 'no-dig' for soil health; only using peat free compost.

Of course, we understand the primary use of your plot is for growing crops, and there are limitations on what you can do in a small space.

Community plot

We are delighted to support Joe and Amy with their new nature and gardening club. If you want to join them, this is their email address: gardennatureclub@gmail.com