

NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

SITE SHOP OPENING

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped at the shop opening on June 29th. It was a lovely warm and sunny day and we made a respectable £114. The money will be reinvested into the shop/community space with a view to expanding in the future with a larger shed and a wider range of goods on offer. **LETS US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE**

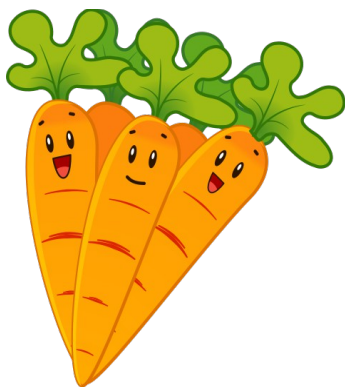
TO SEE IN THE SHOP/YOUR IDEAS FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT ALSO WELCOME. Our opening hours are 10 -12 on Saturday morning. Come and have a browse see what's on offer. Have a refreshment, we have tea, coffee, water, coke and squash, and hope to have cake/biscuits most weeks. **You can also drop off any donations for the Tombola or open day.**



SITE JUDGING

This took place on Friday June 27th, thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the site look good prior to judging. The judges were escorted round the site by the Chairperson Diane Andrews and the Secretary Irene Meredith. The judges were shown some exceptional plots and were updated with our community involvement. They were very impressed with the involvement of 2 local primary schools Bilton Grange and Richard Taylor. There has also been a visit from a local Scout group. Other sites in Harrogate are now trying to emulate our success in this area so we will have to stay on our toes if we want to remain the best site in Harrogate.

HDAF SHOW AUGUST



The show will take place on August 17th in the Valley Gardens Sun Pavilions. This is an ideal opportunity to enter your produce. It doesn't have to be the perfect cabbage, the longest carrot or the whitest cauliflower although this is what we all strive for. It is fun to enter there are a range of categories including one for children and one for novices. Entry forms can be found on the HDAF website and our new website www.pinestreetallotments.com. Entry forms and fees can be given to Irene by August 4th, she will then pass them to the show secretary by August 7th. Pine Street will be having a plant stall at the show so if you have any contributions please give them to Irene or Diane by 16th August.

OPEN DAY BRIEFING SATURDAY 26TH JULY

Volunteers will be needed on the morning of July 26th from 10.00 There will be a briefing followed by preparations for the day. The jobs that need doing include chair cleaning, gathering of produce for sale on the day, putting up of stalls where appropriate. Please let a member of the committee know if you are able to help.

OPEN DAY JULY 27TH 2024

Once again volunteers will be needed but at the earlier time of 7.30a.m. Jobs to be done on this day include putting up of gazebos, tables and any stalls not put up on the 26th. Also again at 1.30 to put everything away. Any help gratefully accepted. We are also asking for donations for the Tombola which this year has a separate section for children. Also any old tools you no longer need and any Jams and Chutneys. The Lazy Dance Band will be entertaining us on the day. Come along and see the wide range of stalls including a craft stall and a card stall. Let your family and friends know.

AGM

This will be held on Monday October 27th 7.30 at Bilton Cricket Club at the meeting the current committee will resign and a new committee will be elected. Irene Meredith has notified the committee that she no longer wants to stay on as Secretary and will therefore not be up for re election. We now need to fill this key role so we are looking for nominees to fill the position. The role has 2 significant elements, the administrative side and the site management aspect. The role could be filled by 2 candidates. Irene is willing to offer guidance in the transition period, she will also be a volunteer on site. Nomination forms will be available at the end of the month. If you are interested in applying for one of the roles you will need to have your nomination seconded. We currently have a very hard working committee, we look forward to welcoming new members to share the workload.



HEDGE CUTTING

We are cutting the hedge at the Albany side on the afternoon of July 9th/10th. If you are able to volunteer either to cut the hedge, have a hedge cutter or to rake up the clippings please let Irene know on irene38uk@gmail.com.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with a range of task across the site. If you think this is for you please let a committee member know. Their details can be found on the noticeboards.

