



March newsletter

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Your Pine Street Allotments Committee for the 2025/26 season			
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Hello, and a warm Spring welcome to all our members and especially to those new tenants who have joined us this year.

Early season plot Inspections as per your tenancy agreement are due shortly and apply to everyone. Please read and follow the Site Inspection Policy published on the website and in summary form on the notice boards.

Inspection Dates: Monday 16 March + follow up on Monday 13 April

Early Season inspection criteria in brief:

1. Signs of work and cultivation are evident.
2. Storage is well managed and safe within the plot boundary.
3. Plot clearance and rubbish disposal is being managed.

Communication is key. Thank you all for your understanding as we develop and strengthen new systems for paying for your plot and being kept up to date about what is going on at Pine Street Allotments. We want to make sure that everyone is included and gets the right information so ...

FACEBOOK: There is an unendorsed Pine Street Allotments Facebook page. It is a very useful source of allotment garden chat, but as an unmoderated platform the integrity of the information exchanged cannot be guaranteed by the Committee.

WHATSAPP: The Pine Street Allotments WhatsApp group has not proven viable and is now closed.

NEWSLETTER: The Pine Street Allotments Association regular monthly newsletter sent to you via email provides all the information you need to stay up to date.

SITE NOTICE BOARDS: Relevant and up to date information available for all to view.

SITE EMAIL: pinestreeta@gmail.com to contact a member of the Committee directly.

SITE TELEPHONE: Call 07882 201391 to contact a member of the Committee directly.

PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT DETAILS.

Many thanks.

New Policies have been adopted by the Committee of Pine Street Allotments Association to ensure that we demonstrate good practice and compliance. They apply to us all, so please access and read to keep yourself up to date.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY – available to view on our website and in the site shop.

CODE OF CONDUCT – available to view on our website and on notice boards.

Shop Opening on **Sunday 29 March from 1pm – 3pm**, selling compost and other gardening necessities as well as drinks and cakes. Spring shop opening hours:

Wednesday 8 April	11am – 2pm
Saturday 11 April	11am – 2pm
Wednesday 15 April	11am – 2pm
Saturday 18 April	11am – 2pm
Wednesday 22 April	11am – 2pm
Saturday 25 April	11am – 2pm
Wednesday 29 April	11am – 2pm
Saturday 2 May	11am – 2pm

Volunteer for shifts at the site shop T: 07882 201391 E: pinestreeta@gmail.com

Donate jam jars, old duvets & pillows for upcycling (drop them into the shop)

Grass Cutting The rota has been sent out by email. Volunteers are always very welcome to join – call the site phone on 07882 201391 or email

pinestreeta@gmail.com to get on the rota. Full instruction provided. Thank you 😊

Plant Sale There will be a site plant sale on 30 May. Please donate any surplus seedlings/plants you might have and browse to find some new varieties to try yourself. You can drop plants off at the shop or arrange collection by emailing pinestreeta@gmail.com or calling the site phone on 07882 201391. Many thanks in advance.

Main Entrance Gate on Pine Street will be opening on 31 March for vehicles to drive down to the bottom of the site. Please note that as it has been so wet, the limited car parking area at the bottom is likely to be cordoned off until we have drier weather.

Bonfires are allowed every Tuesday between 10am – 4pm in the Winter and the last date for bonfires is Tuesday 31 March. Bonfires must always be attended when lit and extinguished before leaving the plot. If you pre-gather material to burn, please check for hedgehogs and other wildlife before lighting.

Water will be available at the standpoints around the site from 31 March, watering cans only – no hosepipes. Water is included in our annual plot rental but costs more every year. There was a rent increase to cover water this year, so please use water sparingly and if possible harvest rainwater on your plot to avoid further rent increases. Many thanks.

Diary Dates:

Monday 16 March	First Plot Inspections
Sunday 29 March	Site shop opening
Tuesday 31 March	Pine Street gate will be opening for vehicular access
Tuesday 31 March	The water will be turned on for the season
Tuesday 31 March	Last date for bonfires to be lit on site
Monday 13 April	Follow up plot inspections
Sunday 3 May	Family afternoon tea at the site shop
Saturday 30 May	Plant sale on site
Monday 1 June	Second Plot inspections
Monday 22 June	Follow up plot inspections
Th. 25 & F. 26 June	HDAF Best site in Harrogate judging days
Sunday 16 August	HDAF show @ Valley Gardens

NB: Pine Street plot judging days still to be confirmed, but this year's categories are Best Newcomer, Best Full Plot, Best Half Plot, Best Small Plot



Got questions, need answers?

Contact a member of the Committee by email:
pinestreeta@gmail.com or via the site phone:

07882 201391 and we'll do our very best to help you.

Good luck to everyone for the new season ahead.

Best wishes, Diane

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