

NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2025

TABLE TOP SALE

A very big thank you to all who helped and contributed to the May table top sale. The sale raised a fantastic £468 which will go towards our charities Horizon, Bilton Conservation Group and Bilton Library

PLOT JUDGING

This will take place for our site on Friday 13th June, winners will be awarded Trophies/ Prizes. The judges are Angela Dicken the secretary of HDAF and James Nicholls HDAF committee member. Not all the plots will be judged, the committee will shortlist the best in the following categories.

| <u>CATEGORY</u> | | <u>CATEGORY</u> | |
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| BEST LARGE PLOT |  | BEST LADIES PLOT |  |
| BEST HALF PLOT | | BEST SENIOR PLOT | |
| BEST SMALL PLOT | | BEST NEWCOMER PLOT | |

SITE JUDGING

This will be on Friday 27th June, judges are Simon Collier a retired gardener from the Valley Gardens and Rob Snow the chair of Knaresborough Allotments. In order to give us a good chance of winning would all Tenants please ensure all rubbish is removed from plots, plots are clear of weeds, paths are cut, edges are trimmed and clear of obstacles. Neat edges and paths improve the overall look of plots immensely.

BILTON AND WOODFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY DAY June 28th 2025

Pine Street Allotments will be there on the day promoting allotments and our open day

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2023

We are now asking you very generous people for tombola prizes, old tools you no longer need or anything else we may be able to sell. Please hand them into a member of the committee. We also need on the day:- home made cakes, jams, pickles, chutneys and preserves. We also welcome on the day donations of any spare plants, fruit and vegetables that you may have. We need volunteers from 7.30 a.m. on the morning of the sale to help set up gazebos, tables and stalls and likewise at 1.00 p.m. to put everything away. It would be helpful if you

could let a member of the committee know if you will be available on the day to help. Entertainment will be provided by the No Lazy Dancing Dance Band they are a traditional quartet Yorkshire Folk music group. The Proceeds on the day will go to **our charities Horizon Bilton Conservation and Bilton Library**

HDAF SHOW (Harrogate And District Allotment Federation)

The HDAF show is on August 17th 2025 in the Sun Pavilions at the Valley Gardens. If you wish to enter any of the classes forms are on the HDAF website we also hope to have entry forms available on site shortly. Pine Street allotments will be running the plant stall on the day.

SITE NEWS/REQUESTS

Shop

We are in the process of opening a site shop/meeting and social space. Further details to follow shortly.

Mowers

There is a mower in the shed at the bottom of the Albany side which can be accessed for use by plot holders. The shed has a combination lock, code **101**. If you haven't used the mower before please contact Irene or a member of the committee, you will be shown you how to use it, you can then sign the risk assessment sheet which is in the shed with the mower. There is also petrol and kitchen roll should there be any spillage of petrol.



Vandalism It is important that we all get back into the habit of closing/locking the main gates. We cannot guarantee the security of the site but an open gate is an invitation for anyone to enter the site. Please close the gate every time you enter the site including entry by vehicle. Please lock the gate after 6pm.

1000 miles Peter Walker is well underway to completing his 1000 mile walk raising further funds for our 3 charities. There are sponsorship forms in his greenhouse/blue shed on plot 38a should you wish to sponsor him.



Tyres

Please do not bring any more tyres on site for use as planters, they are expensive and difficult to dispose of. Tyres already in situ can stay on site

Thank you again for all your hard work and support around the site
Irene Meredith , Secretary.

