

May's Newsletter

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We hope this newsletter finds you well and a warm welcome
to our new plot holders.



Chairman's thoughts

This is it, folks; growing season is here. No ifs, no buts, no excuses; the weather is clement, the days are longer and the seed packets all say that May is prime time for sowing.

I can see from my regular walks around the site that many of you are ahead of the game and the hard work put in over the last few weeks (and months) is already paying off. But there are a few plots where the alarm bells, if not ringing loudly, are certainly starting to resonate.

The committee will be hosting a delegation of councillors and officers from Bromley Council on 8 July. To be honest, we don't know their motives and, bluntly, it is pointless to speculate but we desperately want to show off our amazing community in the best light. Knee-high grass, thick brambles and endless bindweed isn't the look we are going for. So we ask, pretty please, that those who are slightly behind the curve on plot cultivation make a concerted effort to get planting in the next fortnight.

As ever, if you are struggling with your plot, please let us know via our email address and we will do all we can to help out on an interim basis.

Rob



June Work party - Sunday 28th June 2026

Ahead of our L B Bromley Council inspection on Wednesday 8th July, let's come together for a friendly community litter sweep and give our lovely site a little extra sparkle!

Weather permitting, everyone is welcome to join in. It's really just a gentle wander around the site collecting any stray bits of litter — so pop on some sturdy shoes and bring a pair of gloves. We'll provide black bin bags, and if you happen to have a long-handled grabber, feel free to bring it along.

And the best part: the more of us who join in, the quicker we'll be finished... which means more time for the important things like free refreshments, a laugh and a chat while enjoying some delicious homemade treats.

Let's make it a fun, feel-good tidy-up together!

Biodiversity
Group



International Day of Biological Diversity

On 22nd May 2026 it is the International Day of Biological Diversity. A day to raise awareness about biodiversity and the need for conservation to enable sustainable ecosystems.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIODIVERSITY 2026

Acting locally for global impact

The focus of this year is 'acting locally for Global impact' suggesting we explore and experience biodiversity in local environments, organise or join events in person or online, using the campaign's toolkit materials. Follow the link for lots of information about how you can join in and be part of the 'ripple effect' that will help halt and reverse biodiversity loss.

<https://www.cbd.int/biodiversity-day/2026>

Here's an idea! Why not dedicate 10-15 minutes of the time spent on your plot this month carrying out a Flower-Insect Timed Count (FIT Count). By observing and recording which insects visit one flower you can help monitor trends in pollinator numbers. Find out how by visiting the UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme (POMS) website at www.ukpoms.org.uk/fit-counts. A great one for children/grand children to get involved in.

Don't forget to share any photos on our Facebook Group page! Link here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.poverestallotments.co.uk/>



This month I'll be mainly sharing...

Plastic compost bin and some plastic roofing sheets!

If you put anything in the shed for sharing and it doesn't get taken within a month, the item will need to be taken back and recycled at one of our local [recycling centres](#) such as Waldo Road when it re-opens or Churchfields Road, Beckenham.

As always, please keep your speed down when driving on our site to protect the roads; please don't park blocking a road or in front of the wood chip and manure bays; make sure you proudly display your plot number on your plot and the padlock numbers are facing up when you leave. 🙏

Thank you for your continued support

Rob, Graham, Rachel, Arun, Ester, Natalia and Bob

Work Party Schedule 2026

During the week:

Litter picking, Plot Clearance and cut communal area grass and paths, cut/shred branches pile behind manure bay - contact poverestallotments@gmail.com to arrange times and machine/tool use.

June: Sunday 28th June, 10-12pm:

Litter picking/clearing

July: Sunday, 12th July, 10-12pm:

Drain clearance and cut/shred branches behind manure and wood chip bay. Plot clearance

September: Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th, 10am to 12pm:

Perimeter fence clearing/tree pruning

November: Sunday 15th, 10am to 12pm:

Drain clearance, machines cleaned and drained

Event Diary 2026

September: Sunday 6th, 11am to 2pm:

AGM and BBQ

October: Sunday 18th, 12pm-2pm:

End of Season/International food celebration

December: Sunday 13th, 3pm to 5pm:

Christmas drinks, mince pies and cake

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