

# June Newsletter

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We hope this newsletter finds you well and a warm welcome to our new plot holders. We have some exciting news and updates to share with you.



## Working Party – Water tank maintenance

A huge thank you to all those who helped sanding, brushing down and painting all of our water tank lids. These tanks are so important to us all, so getting them all protected for this season is a massive help. New signs to remind everyone to close them after use will be added shortly, along with numbers so you can easily identify them if you need to report one being faulty.

Our next working party is another important one and is our road maintenance which is over both Saturday and Sunday in July. More details will follow but it's one we need as many of you as possible. All you need is a rake if you have one.



## Traffic calming tyres

As you may be aware, you are not allowed to bring tyres onto your plots due to the cost for getting them removed. If you do you will be charged a fee for each tyre. We've had several tyres at the back of our site for many years which have been cost prohibitive for us to remove. So instead, with recent help at the above working party, we've moved them onto the bottom corner of the road to stop cars cutting the corner and eroding the corner plot. Not only that, they've also been painted and planted and look fantastic!

Many thanks to those involved! Please do slow down on our roads and especially around that corner. We've also moved the last (and largest) tyre to the side of our community shed and will paint and plant that up, along with the broken wheelbarrow in due course.

### **Sharing Shed Update**

We are pleased to announce that the sharing shed is complete (big thanks to Graham!). Shelves have now been added. It will get a coat of paint soon but should you wish to share items please put inside and let us know by posting on our Facebook Group here or send us an email so we can add it to a newsletter or post it for you. Please do not leave anything around/outside our community shed.



### **Bonfires**

Bonfires are an emotive subject, so we wanted to clarify our rules for them. Individual plotholder bonfires are allowed outside the growing season, typically from October through to March the following year. In line with the Council's guidelines, only plot generated, green waste can be burned – no fence panels, sheds, pallets, or household rubbish is allowed. You cannot bring anything onto your plot to burn. If you have a bonfire and complaints are received from the surrounding houses, the Council can impose an unlimited fine on you so be very aware of wind direction and amount being burned. Bonfires must never be left unattended.

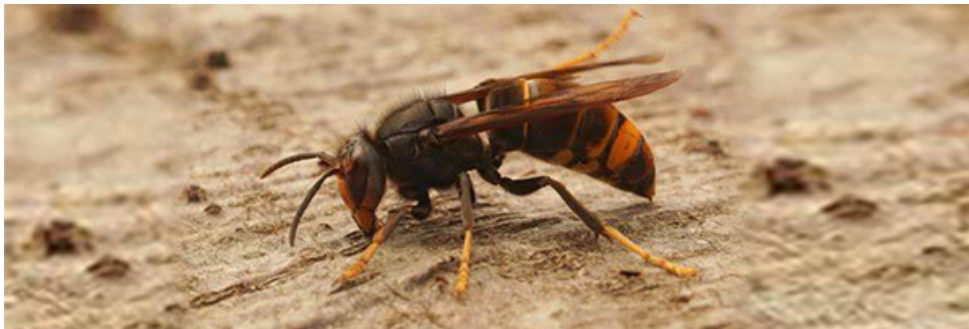
From previous experience, communal bonfires haven't been successful due to what has been left for us to burn, so there will not be any.



## Strimmers

We are aware that some of our petrol strimmers have become difficult to maintain. Part of that is the enormous number of hours they are used each year to maintain plots and communal areas; like a few of us (!), they're a bit tired, temperamental, and constantly thirsty. We have ordered four new ones which should be available soon; two petrol and two lighter/smaller battery ones.

Please remember that while they are robust machines, they cannot do everything. So please don't let your grass and weeds get three feet tall before you borrow a strimmer as it won't be up to the task – and always trim from the top down in stages.



## Biodiversity update

### Our Pollinators Need You!

Asian hornets have survived a British winter for the first time this year. The Yellow Legged Asian Hornets is an invasive non-native species and a MAJOR threat to ALL our native pollinators and other insects.

They are apex predators, feeding primarily on other insects such as flies and wasps, although they will take almost all insect and spiders. They are particularly notorious for their predation of honeybees, which poses a substantial threat to honeybee populations and the pollination they provide. The hornets have a voracious appetite and each colony can consume over 100,000 insects during a single season.

You can download an App which can be used to report suspected Asian Hornet sightings. For details see <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-app-to-report-asian-hornet-sightings>. Alternatively report sightings via the Non-native Species Secretariat Email: [nss@apha.gov.uk](mailto:nss@apha.gov.uk) Post: GB Non-native Species Secretariat, Animal and Plant Health Agency, Sand Hutton, York, YO41 1LZ



**Sorry  
no vacancies**

At the time of this newsletter reaching you, there are no more plots available and for the first time for a long time, a waiting list has been started. Please send all enquiries into usual email address: [poverestallotments@gmail.com](mailto:poverestallotments@gmail.com)

A 'weed walk' will be carried out in the next few days so to avoid a weed letter please make sure your grassy areas are cut including in-between plots.

As always, please keep your speed down when driving on our site, don't park blocking a road, and make sure the padlock numbers are facing up when you leave our site.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Bill, Lesley, John, Rob, Denis, Graham, and Bob**

## **Working Party Diary 2024**

### **July 13th and 14th**

Saturday and Sunday, 10am-12noon

Road works

### **August 3rd**

Saturday, 10am-12noon

Water drain clearance

### **September 28th and 29th**

Saturday and Sunday, 10am-12noon

Perimeter fence pruning

## **November 2nd**

Saturday 10am-12noon

Water drain clearance

## **Events Calendar 2024**

### **September 14th**

Saturday, 11am-2pm

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and BBQ

### **October 26th**

Saturday, 12noon-3pm

International food and end of season natter

### **December 14th**

Saturday, 3pm-5pm

Christmas drinks, mince pies and cake