

=Allotment Newsletter October 2026

Bonfires

Please check the dates!

Strict rules apply, because we are so close to the North Circular Road and residential buildings. Keep bonfires under control, always manned and follow the permitted dates/times.

New instruction
No fires until November

**Please check the
Noticeboards
or
the website**



Ideas for community events?

We are keen to build a stronger allotment community and would love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Please email us at
halliwickparkallotments@gmail.com
or post your ideas in the letterbox
by the Trading Hut.

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Foxes – Helpful visitors?

Foxes can be useful visitors to allotments because they are natural scavengers and predators, eating rodents, insects and other small animals. However, they can also cause problems by digging, leaving droppings or disturbing compost and newly planted areas, particularly where food smells are present. To discourage nuisance visits, keep plots tidy, secure bins and composters, clear fallen fruit and food waste, and avoid using animal-based fertilisers such as bonemeal, dried blood or chicken manure, which may attract foxes. Foxes should not be fed, as this can encourage them to return.



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Keeping our allotments clean and safe!

Following the September inspection, the Committee identified a significant amount of rubbish and waste. In line with local authority rules, all plot holders are responsible for removing any waste from their plots that is not directly related to allotment cultivation. Please take rubbish home or to the local tip. The allotment must not be used to store domestic waste, carpets, furniture, building materials, drawers, cabinets, radiators, washing machines or similar items.

The Committee will arrange skips to help remove genuine allotment waste. However, this will not be done until plot holders have dealt with the general waste on their own plots, for which they are responsible.

SCRAP METAL ONLY can be left by the Trading Hut.

Next inspection date:
18–22 October 2026



Volunteers required!

We are looking for volunteers to help organise working parties to keep our allotment sites clean, safe and well maintained.

Working parties are a great opportunity to come together, improve the sites and tackle jobs that benefit all plot holders. Current tasks include removing communal rubbish and waste, cutting back overgrown vegetation, maintaining fences and helping with general upkeep.

Even an hour or two of your time can make a real difference.

If you can spare an hour or two, please let the Committee know. **Email us at halliwickparkallotments@gmail.com or let us know in person.**

- **For the North Site:** NANA (Athina) Plot 90
- **For the South Site:** JILL Plot 20/21

Helps us make our allotments a better place for everyone!

Allotment rules

All plot holders are required to comply with the allotment regulations for trees, cultivation, structures, fences, waste, materials, etc. **The Allotment Tenancy** and all guides and rules are available on the website:

<https://www.halliwickparkallotments.org.uk/rules>

Structures, huts, greenhouses and polytunnels

You must apply and have written permission to build any structure on your plot!

As we are governed by local authority regulations, any plot holder wishing to install a shed, greenhouse, polytunnel or any other structure on their plot must obtain written permission from the Committee before installation. This must be done by applying in advance.

Full details of our rules, together with the **application form** are available on the Association's website:

<https://www.halliwickparkallotments.org.uk/rules>.

The Committee can request the demolition of any structure that does not comply with these rules.

Download the form from <https://www.halliwickparkallotments.org.uk/rules> or request a paper copy from the Secretary.

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October on the Allotment

October brings crisp mornings, shorter days and the first real signs of winter, so make the most of the daylight before the clocks go back. Harvest pumpkins, squash, maincrop potatoes, apples and pears, and keep picking leeks, carrots, spinach and chard.

It's also the perfect time to plant garlic, overwintering onions, spring cabbage and rhubarb, sow hardy broad beans and winter peas, mulch empty beds, and prepare the greenhouse and pots for the colder weather ahead.

**Saturday
14
November**

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**Saturday 14 November 2026, at Coppetts Wood Primary school,
arrival from 14:30 for a 15:00 start**

Halliwick Park Allotment Holders Association Ltd is a self-managed site operating on behalf of the local authority. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) must be held once a year, ours is in November and ensures all is in place for the following year. At the AGM, the volunteers who stand in the committee are elected, if a committee is not elected, the Association cannot manage the site, and the local authority may take over.

If you wish to stand for the committee, you must complete a [Nomination for the Committee form](#) at least two weeks before the meeting and submit it to the Secretary by the required deadline, Friday, 30 October 2026.

Members may submit questions for discussion at the AGM, but these must be sent in writing to the Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting, the deadline this year is Friday, 30 October 2026. This gives the Committee time to prepare a response. Questions will not be accepted on the day of the AGM. This is to ensure the meeting is fair and respectful, and that volunteer committee members are not put under undue pressure without notice. PLEASE NOTE: attendance at the AGM is compulsory. Failure to attend will result in a £10 fine. If you cannot attend, you must notify the Secretary in person well in advance to avoid the fine.

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Did you know?

Did you know that worms are an allotment gardener's best friend?

Earthworms help improve the soil by creating tiny tunnels that allow air and water to reach plant roots. They also help break down organic matter, returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

So next time you spot a worm on your plot, **give it a little thank you!** 



Woodchip Deliveries

Please do not open the gates or allow access to anyone arriving with woodchip.

If someone arrives with a woodchip delivery, please refuse access and contact a committee member.

All woodchip deliveries must be arranged by the Committee.



Photo corner! A little bit of plot happiness!

There is nothing quite like seeing the first signs of new growth on the allotment. Whether it is a tiny seedling, the first flower, or a bumper crop ready for harvesting, every season brings something to celebrate.

Have you got a photo from your plot to share in our next newsletter? Send it in!

