

ALSAGER GARDENS ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN No 1- To All Members

21 March 2020

Dear Member

ALLOTMENTS – BE SAFE AND KEEP SAFE!

This is the first in a series of bulletins we will send you about how the AGA will continue to support our members and allotmenters.

Our Allotments currently remain open for our Tenants to use.

The latest advice from the National Allotment Society is available from <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/>

It is vitally important that you follow all the advice about social distancing and hygiene in the points below and not gather together on site.

This is difficult time and we need to apply some simple rules to enable us to continue using the allotments in as safe away as possible.

1. Non- Members of the AGA are not allowed on our Allotment Sites

It is essential that no un-authorized people are allowed onto the allotment sites for the duration of this emergency.

Known co-workers are members so this is not a problem, but people who are **not members of the AGA are no longer allowed on the allotment sites.**

2. Closure of Toilet Buildings on Allotment Sites

We have been advised by NAS that communal buildings on site such as toilets, communal huts etc present a risk to us all if they stay open. We have already made the decision to close the Trading Hut. As we are not able to support the standards of cleanliness required to control the spread of the virus in our toilet buildings, we have taken the difficult decision to close the toilet buildings at all sites.

3. General Precautions

Members are advised that they should take the following precautionary measures:

- Keep hand sanitiser or another other suitable product such as antibacterial wipes with you.
- Think about the things you come into contact with as part of your allotment journey. For example use hand sanitiser/wipes before opening and closing any gate locks, consider the use of disposable gloves.

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- Observe “Social Distancing” with each other recommended at 2-3 metres.
- Do not share tools.
- Minimise the contact with each other, for example no handshakes.
- Do not wash your hands in water troughs or other containers of water
- If you display any symptoms of coronavirus stay at home and self-isolate for at least 14 days or until symptoms have passed. Under no circumstances should you visit the allotments.

4. Need to Contact Us?

Should you have any issues, or if you are not able you to attend to your allotment plot for an extended time, then please contact your site manager as follows:

- Cedar Avenue Mike Hubbard 07979 968932 mrh712@live.co.uk
- Coronation Ave Mike Smith 877265 michael.smith619@btinternet.com
- Talke Road John Nixon 873445 nicojnixon12@talktalk.net
- Lawton Road Adrian Ford 877363 or 07976 978976 adrian_ford62@hotmail.com

or email the Secretary at alsagergardensassociationsecretary@outlook.com

As stated by the NAS, we are living through a crisis, the likes of which none of us has experienced before, not since war time has the community spirit that exists on allotment sites been more important. So please remember to look out for one another during these very difficult times. We must all consider vulnerable families, friends, members and fellow plot-holders and consider giving assistance where needed.

The latest medical advice on Coronavirus is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The latest government advice and full guidance is available at

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

We will be sending further “Be Safe and Keep Safe” bulletins out over the next few days.

Look out for –

Bulletin 2 – Decisions about the upcoming AGA Events

Bulletin 3 - How to Pay your Subs

In the meantime – *Be Safe and Keep Safe!*

Kind Regards

Pauline Hubbard
Secretary

On Behalf of the AGA Executive Committee

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