

Plans for 2021

The Barn

- Complete the finish of the Barn including the installation of the wood burning stove, completion of veranda and surrounding area including installation of some raised beds.
- Develop the landscaping of the upper part of plot 15. We need volunteers to help with this as it will be an ongoing project to both develop the initial plan and then maintain it.
- Once the Barn is complete, and the covid situation is resolved we need to plan an active program of events to run in the Barn. There have already been some suggestions but we can have more and we need volunteers both to lead on activities and to help with them e.g. we hope to run a monthly lunch club – like at Ally Pally, but this will need lots of volunteers to make sure it doesn't become a burden on just a few people.

Food waste and Community involvement

- Develop an approach to food waste that both minimizes waste on the plots and connects us to communities in need. Again, it would be good to have a group of volunteers who lead on this.
- Plot 83b is currently out of commission because it is very shady and has a lot of rubble in the ground. We should investigate this year how it can be brought back into use possibly working with Haringey's biodiversity officer

Site Security and Maintenance

- Improve site security with the aim of reducing the number of incursions by "unwanted" visitors. This will include raising the height of fences in certain places and will probably include changing the locks to the site. There are 2 reasons for this 1) the current locks are no longer available and we have a limited supply which may soon run out and 2) the keys to those locks are in wide circulation and have been copied by current and previous allotment holders. This makes it difficult to ensure that only legitimate allotment holders have access to the site. Ally Pally allotments have recently changed their locks to a controlled key system so we will be looking at their

experience to develop our ideas. Before any changes are made there will be a consultation with all allotment holders on any proposals.

- Work with local organisations to tackle incidents of anti-social behaviour which are impacting on all the local organisations – Shepherds Cot, CREOS, local neighbourhood watch.
- Improve the roadways at the 2 main entrances, both are heavily potholed, improve the water system including leaks and providing taps where they don't exist. Also, ongoing improvements to the main paths.

Fundraising and social gatherings

- We hope to return to our normal fundraising and social calendar in 2021 although this is covid dependent. There will be a winter sale of jams, chutneys and other goodies between the end of November and 6th December, this will be on like with deliveries and collections masterminded by Annie. Watch out for the special Newsletter on this.
- Potato Day will be the 7th of February and if possible, will be accompanied by some kind of refreshment offer.
- The plant sale will be in June. Winter warmer in November plus other events as we can do them. Anyone with an idea for an event please contact the Committee via info@shepeherdshillallotments.co.uk
- We have for some time been planning a recipe/year book. We would like to have it ready for Xmas 2021. We really need volunteers to help take this forward.