

Newsletter

Ash Road Allotment Association

The Newsletter

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Coffee and Advice

FREE coffee at the Hut - EVERY
Sunday morning at 11 O'clock.
Listen for the air-horn that
announces coffee is served.

'The Green Yard'

Have you visited 'HEART' recently -
the Headingley Enterprise and Arts
Centre?

One of our fellow plot-holders,
Claire Fenwick, has now opened a
small plant shop/garden centre in
the yard behind HEART, called 'The
Green Yard', so do pop along and
browse. There is a range of indoor
and outdoor plants, including ferns,
grasses, herbs, shrubs, cacti and
succulents. The Green Yard is
located at HEART, Bennett Road,
LS6 3HN. Find it through the cafe
and at [www.facebook.com/
greenyardplants](http://www.facebook.com/greenyardplants)



Apple Harvest-time

This year seems to have produced yet another bumper crop of apples and for many varieties now is the peak of the harvest season. All over the site apple and pear trees are still covered in fruit, so if you have any fruit trees on your plot, get down and start picking! Don't let all this produce go to waste.

If you have too many apples or pears, or won't have time to pick your crop, why not post a notice to the allotment Facebook page and give other ploholders the opportunity to pick spare fruit they'd like to eat?

This year we are also having an **'Apple Pressing Day', starting at 11.30am on Sunday 22nd October** so why not come along to the Hut and turn your surplus apples into delicious juice. Remember to bring your own bottles!

Plots Available

There are vacant plots now available on our site, so if you would like some more space to grow, or if someone you know is interested in taking on a half plot or plot, please contact a member of the Committee, or email:
ash_road_allotments@aol.co.uk

Foxes



Please remember to report any sightings of foxes with mange to Bobby Bowker, from Urban Wildlife Leeds. Telephone 07545 998355 or email bobbybowker1@gmail.com.

Notices

- **Bonfires** - The daytime restriction on bonfires was lifted on 1st October for the winter period, so that you may have a bonfire at any time. But please make sure that your bonfire is supervised at all times, burn only wood or other plant material from your plot and please be considerate of our neighbours.
- **Water Supply** - the water supply will be turned off for the winter during November. Please also note that prior to the shutdown there may also be temporary interruptions to supply while maintenance work is underway during October.

Interested in Developing a Web-site?

Is there anyone with an interest or skill in developing a new web-site for our Ash Road Allotment Association?

Please let a member of the Committee know, or email ash_road_allotments@aol.co.uk

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on **Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm** at HEART (Headingley Enterprise and Arts Centre), Bennet Road, Headingley, LS6 3HN.

Please come along to support and participate in your Association. Remember that we are a 'self administered' site, not directly run by the City Council, so the continued successful operation of the site depends on all of us. We'd also love to hear your ideas for any improvements that could be made.

Work Party

The next **work party will be on Saturday 28th October at 10.00**, followed by free tea and coffee at 11 am. Please do come along and volunteer to help. Work parties are a great way to get to meet some of your fellow allotmenters and help keep the allotments in good order. Previous work parties have helped tackle some of the untidy or overgrown plots to prepare them for letting.

In addition, walking around the site I notice a lot of the communal paths are overgrown, or blocked by overhanging trees and bushes. This is making it increasingly difficult to move around the site and poses a safety risk for people to get access to their plots. Please take some time this Autumn to check the paths around your plot, trim back overgrown edges and grass, clear away any rubbish, prune any bushes and trim overhanging tree branches back to your plot boundary. This will make it easier and safer to move around the site.

The Arium - New Leeds City Council Parks Nursery

Many of you will have been familiar with the old City Parks Department's nursery at Red Hall. You'll be pleased to know that this month they have just moved into a brand new purpose-built facility, 'The Arium', on Thorner Lane, Whinmoor, LS14 3FB. A very striking feature of the new nursery is its 19,000 square metre glasshouse, which will grow over three million plants a year for the City's parks, roundabouts, school grounds and other locations across the City to support 'Leeds in Bloom'.



The site is well worth a visit, with a cafe and a children's play area and great quality plants for sale. Remember that as a Member of

the Ash Road Allotment Association (and therefore also the Leeds and District Allotment Gardeners' Federation) you should be able to claim a discount on prices at the shop, so remember to ask!



The map below shows the location of 'The Arium' and also that of the old Nursery at Red Hall. The opening hours are expected to be 9am to 3pm seven days a week. There is a Facebook page with more information - just search 'The Arium'.

