

The Plot

March 2012

A newsletter for members of Kettering Allotments

Dates for your Diary

The Annual General Meeting ([AGM](#)) for 2011 will be held on Tuesday 13th March at 7:45pm. The venue is the Corn Market Hall.

The AGM is an opportunity for members to elect members of the committee, receive the annual accounts and vote on any formal motions. The [agenda](#) and [minutes of last year's AGM](#) are available on our [website](#) (click on the hyperlinks).

Any motions will need to be sent to the secretary in advance of the meeting. These will be discussed by the members gathered at the AGM, seconded and then a vote is taken.

Members may also wish to raise concerns and discuss issues with the committee in a less formal way.

Formal notice of the AGM has been sent out and posted on field notice boards a month before the meeting.

Contact us

Email us on the address below

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If you wish find out more about our association please visit the website

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Drought continues !

The Environment Agency has warned that the area faces a difficult summer due to the **continuing drought**. The agency has urged residents to consider carefully their water usage to delay any restrictions.

A spokesman said “ We have had a lack of rainfall for many months, it is critical and the prospect for rain in the next few months is poor”

“ We are working closely with water companies, growers and environment charities to work through this difficult period”

“Water is a precious resource and we all need to think about our water usage to delay restrictions. We don't want to alarm people, but this is a serious situation”

Environment Secretary **Caroline Spelman** said:

“Some areas of the country have seen the **driest twelve months since records began** and therefore we are working with all sectors to plan ahead to meet the challenges of a continued drought. “Water availability is one of the major challenges that the UK will face in the years ahead and while droughts are not new, we may face a future with less rainfall and less certainty about when that rain will fall.”

[Link to environment agency website on drought](#)

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Kettering Allotments drought-busters.

As our readers will know, Kettering Allotments has a well-established policy of encouraging all members to collect whatever rainfall we can in barrels and butts. This will help reduce our impact on the precious mains water. Members have also been using more and more mulch to conserve soil moisture, with great success.

Free manure

We have found a source of free horse manure, close to the Margaret Road field. There are no wood shavings, but there may be some straw in it.

You will need a trailer or van to collect

Telephone Dai to arrange collection

01536 483398

Fly Tipping

There have been some instances of **fly tipping**. Allotments are **NOT** rubbish tips, and such dumping will be considered a disciplinary matter. If you spot anyone doing this, **please take a photo and get the registration number** of the vehicle. We can then report the offender to the authorities.

Communication

Information about us is always available on our [website](http://www.ketteringallotments.co.uk), see the address below or click on the hyperlink.

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