



# The National Allotment Society

National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd

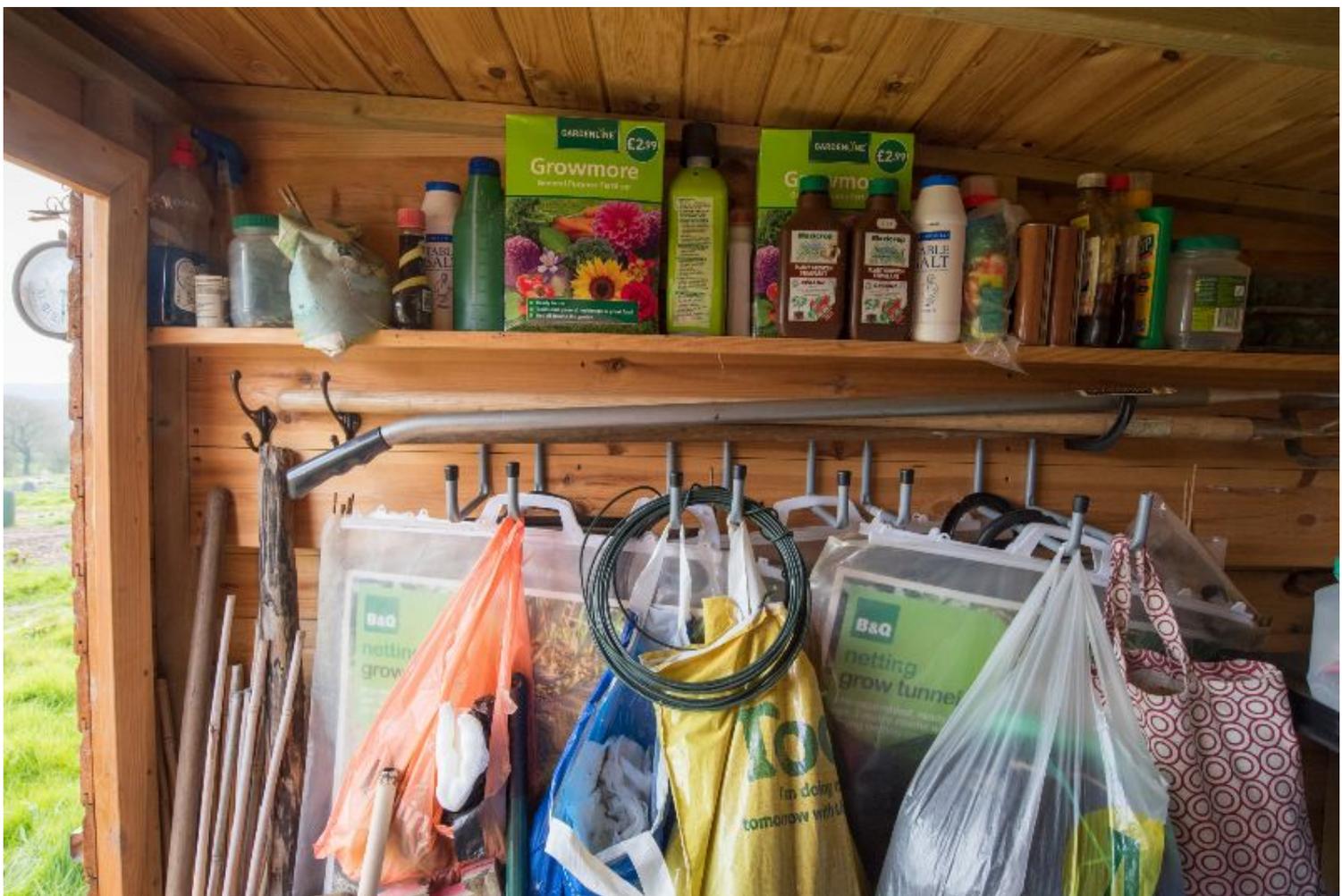
We are the leading national organisation upholding the interests and rights of the allotment community across the UK; working with government at national and local levels, other organisations and landlords to promote and preserve allotments for all. We offer support, guidance and advice to our members and all those with an interest in allotment gardening.

## Amateur Pesticide User Habits Survey 2019

The Health and Safety Executive is running an online survey for UK residents from **1st to 31st May** to understand the habits of gardeners and allotment holders in relation to purchase, storage, use and disposal of garden chemicals (amateur pesticide products to protect plants). The survey is anonymous to encourage honest answers and get the clearest picture of what users actually do. A survey has been run every three years since 2007 and the findings are used to develop future guidance, policy and labelling on the safe use, storage and disposal of products for amateur gardeners.

**Everyone completing the survey will be offered the chance to enter a prize draw to win one of ten £50 National Garden Gift Vouchers. The prize draw will be run independently by the Horticultural Trades Association, which issues the vouchers.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to fill in the survey



A National Allotment Society initiative

**National Allotments  
Week 2019**  
12th - 18th August

**CELEBRATING A  
"Shared Harvest"**



Event details:

Open Days and Events sharing the joy of allotment gardening



National Allotments Week  
A National Allotment Society initiative



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Email [diane@nsalg.org.uk](mailto:diane@nsalg.org.uk) with details of your event and we will post you 3 A4 posters and publicise your event on our website .

## Lantra Training Update

We now have a venue for the training in the **North West on the 31 May 2019**

Mottram Road Allotments Association,  
Mottram Road, Stalybridge, SK15 2QX

The events in Plymouth and Rochford will be re-scheduled.

[Click here](#) for how to book and info about sessions in other areas.

## National Allotments Week 2019

From the 12 to 18 August we will be once again celebrating the many benefits of allotment life. This year the focus is on the "Shared Harvest". Most plot-holders share their crops with family and friends, some people take baskets of spuds and green beans in to work for colleagues and others distribute food to care homes and food banks.

How many people will your plot benefit during National Allotments Week? We would like to take a snap- shot during the campaign week of how many people have benefited from allotment grown food. Please SIGN UP now to let us know by emailing [diane@nsalg.org.uk](mailto:diane@nsalg.org.uk) we will send you a reminder email during the week for you to reply with numbers of lucky people who have dined on your produce.

As usual, the Society will also be supporting associations that open their gates for Open Days and Events with a striking poster and publicity.



# I Stand With ROBERT

## Good News and Bad News

Plot-holders in Birmingham and Ealing had some good news recently when decisions were made to preserve their plots.

Thanks to the efforts of Robert the Cat and his fellow allotment enthusiasts at Walsall Rd allotments, Birmingham Council will now be working with the Association so that the site can be an asset to the Commonwealth Games development and not something to be moved out of the way.

Northfields allotments, a private site in Ealing, was due to be reduced in size to make way for a social housing extension but thanks to a long campaign by plot-holders and local residents that plan has now been shelved.

A group of plot-holders at Cemetery Rd Allotments, Huddersfield are celebrating their successful High Court challenge of Kirklees Council. The council had claimed that the plots



## The Allotment and Leisure Gardener

We hope that everyone has enjoyed reading their new look magazine, please continue to send in your articles - we love to hear from you. **Click on the cover to read**

### Deadlines for ALG magazine 2019

5 June 2019

4 September 2019

**Compostable bags!** This quarter all individual and life members will have received their copy in a compostable potato starch bag, the plastic bags for larger quantities can be recycled.

## Kings Catalogues

**Please read the information below about how the 2019/20 seed catalogues will be distributed this year.**

If your association placed an order for 4 or more of the 2019 Kings Seed's catalogues you will not have to re-order them again this year. The same quantity will be automatically ordered again for your association to be delivered to the same person that received them before.

If your association wish to order 3 Kings Seed's catalogues or less or you wish to change the quantity or delivery address details from your previous order please contact Head Office so we can arrange this for you.

**All associations** will receive their Kings Seed's catalogues by the second week in August.

**All Individual and Life members** will be

were temporary and an application for disposal to the Secretary of State was not necessary to remove the plot-holders and change the use of land to school playing fields. The Judge at the High Court agreed with the plot-holders that there was sufficient historical evidence that the plots were statutory and had legal protection.

Sadly, after a celebration late last year when planning permission to develop the site was refused, plot-holders at [Park Rd Allotments](#) on the Syon Estate in Isleworth, London have now been given notice to quit their plots by the Estate.



## Win! A garden security kit with Burg-Wächter!

With Summer fast approaching the days are getting longer, brighter and warmer. This means that you can enjoy spending time in your garden or allotment. To ensure that you can spend the summer in sunny bliss make sure that you practise good safety habits to keep your tools and shed safe and secure. A simple combination of padlock and security cable or strong secure chain can prevent expensive garden tools from going missing and deter thieves from targeting your garden equipment.

To help kick start your security habits, Burg-Wächter is giving away 5 garden security kits, worth over £50 each, to help make sure your equipment stays in place. Each kit contains a steel ground anchor, a braided steel cable and a steel padlock.

Q. What metal is used in the ground anchor, cable and padlock?

- A) Titanium
- B) Steel
- C) Vibranium

To be in with a chance of winning, email your answer to [burgwachter@clear-group.co.uk](mailto:burgwachter@clear-group.co.uk)

sent their Kings Seed's catalogue along with issue 3 of the ALG.



News from the International

Allotments Office [CLICK HERE](#)

## Don't be REDiculous!

The Watch Your Back! sun protection campaign for gardeners is back in major UK garden centres from the 11th May, using humour to alert people to the danger of sunburn, which can increase the risk of melanoma by 50%.

David Domoney, Adam Frost and David Stevens will appear on posters in over 300 garden centres with the message; Don't be REDiculous – avoid a garden sunburn! The campaign, devised by the Melanoma Fund, offers expert and targeted advice on sun protection and tips on early detection for all gardeners.



David Domoney says, "It's so essential to protect your skin from burning in the garden, not just for the short-term discomfort but for the future potential health issues. 'Watch Your Back!' has a serious message, and along with a great team of gardeners, I am delighted to support it.

Skin cancer is now the most common and fastest growing cancer in the UK. Men are more likely to develop melanoma (the most dangerous form of skin cancer) on their backs and in areas that are hard to spot, making the warning signs easier to miss, leading to a later diagnosis and higher death rates.

Julia Newton Bishop, Professor of Dermatology at the University of Leeds, says; "Gardening without sun protection in summer is asking for trouble, especially if you are exposing virgin skin, which is vulnerable and prone to burning. Clothing should be the first line in defence so keep your shirt on, wear a wide brimmed hat, which can also protect eyes, and use SPF30+ on any exposed areas.

Long term over exposure to UV light is a trigger for accelerated skin ageing, solar keratoses and skin cancers such as Basal Cell Carcinoma and Squamous Cell Carcinoma. It is sunburn however, which is strongly linked with melanoma; a cancer that if not detected early, can travel to different parts of the body.

## [The ridiculous sunflower growing competition](#)

The charity is running 'The Ridiculous Sunflower Growing Competition' to encourage all the family to get out, and start growing the garden. Packs retail of a £1 donation in selected stores with prizes from Landmann, Showa, Kent & Stowe, Yo Yo UK and Ladival Sunscreen for the tallest (or biggest) sunflower in the UK.

## Membership Notes

**Please** write in black ink on cheques, automation in the bank means that other colours are not recognised.

**The NAS AGM will take place on Saturday 8 June 2019 at [St Georges Hotel](#), The Promenade, Llandudno, Conwy, LL30 2LG.**

There's still just enough time to book a place.

**Don't miss out!** Have you signed up for the free [Allotmentees Liability Insurance](#) yet?

**Finally**, please remember to renew your membership in plenty of time. Membership ceases 60 days after the fee is due and after that renewal incurs extra paperwork and expense.

Should you wish to discuss your personal renewal date do not hesitate to contact us.



## RETAIL DISCOUNTS FOR NAS MEMBERS

We are pleased to be able to offer our members a new updated money saving booklet for spring/summer 2019. Click on the title to view offers from LBS Horticulture, Propagation Place, WooWoo Toilets, RHS Plant Centres and many more. If, as a member group, you have a website and would like a link to the booklet to feature on there please email [diane@nsalg.org.uk](mailto:diane@nsalg.org.uk)

## News from the East Midlands

### **Washbrook Allotments, Leicester open for National Garden Scheme** September 1st 2019, 11am till 3pm

Our allotment gardens are a hidden oasis off the main Welford Road. There are over 100 whole, half and quarter plots growing a wide variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers. We have a wildflower meadow, other wildlife friendly areas and a composting toilet! Look out for the remains of Anderson Shelters, and other 'Heath Robinson' constructions. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info



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