

Compton Allotment News – November 2016

Welcome to the November edition of Compton Allotment News.

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The Working Party took place on Saturday 22nd October.

There was a good attendance and thank you all for turning up and having so much enthusiasm. Big Thanks to Pete and Jonathan, who kept the kettles boiling!

A pair of shears were left behind on the little blue bench. These are safe and locked away in a shed, please contact Pete Quinlan or Ben if you are the owner.

The taps have now been turned off. They will now remain off unless there is a decent mild spell until spring.

Thank you to everyone who entered the Sunflower Competition. All entries have now been emailed out for adjudication. These will all be printed in the December issue. The pictures following are my contribution.

Now is a good time to mulch and protect any plants you are not planning on digging up for the winter. Dahlias and other tender plants will need protection.

You still have time to plant garlic and some varieties of broad beans.

There are still some vacant plots available.

Please see the Plot Letting Officers or speak to anyone else on the Committee. All details are on the Compton Parish website.

Some photographs taken at the Work Party on 22nd October





Saturday 22nd October we had 28 turn out for our scheduled workday, if we then add in the 5 people who were unable to attend but completed work prior to the work day we exceeded the average turnout in previous years. With favourable weather and a collective desire to complete the tasks we had set ourselves, groups set about the hedges, spare plots, wood behind the container and the stream; and what a result. The work completed and areas cleaned was just fantastic, way beyond expectations, and two communal areas have been significantly restored which will allow regular maintenance to keep them in control. So much was cut and burnt it was hard to believe where it all came from (there must have been more than 28 people, perhaps a few who were not recorded,) all that remains is a pile of ash on the communal orchard - please feel free to take this ash if you can use it.

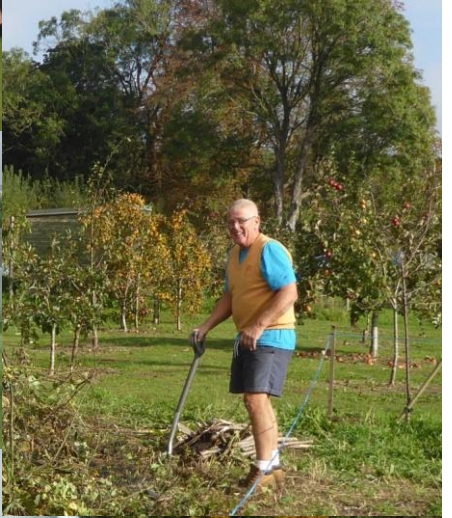
The clean up along the eastern hedge was so deep and so effective we have been left with a pile or rubbish that will need to be disposed of. We will have to explore the most cost effective disposal solution when we have brought it all together. The clean along the stream was started but will need to be continued to take to completion and we may seek to grub out some tree roots behind the container. Like weeding on our plots, it is never a once only task.

Thank you to all for the tasty morsels you brought to have with the liquid refreshments, with my sweet tooth that was a treat (loved the cookies!) and looking at the empty plates it would appear there were others like me.

A big thank you to all those who contributed to this work day, I'm still amazed at the result, the allotment looks tidier and subsequent work days should be easier as a result. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

Ben







John, you get my vote for the biggest and best smile of the day



Here comes the sun (doo doo doo doo). Here comes the sun.





Some of the more unusual fruit and vegetables grown on the allotment this year.
Cape Gooseberry, Ogden Mellon and Sweet Potatoes.



Snow Patrol.

Also known as the "creepy cat".
Only because you don't hear it coming.
Wish we could teach it to catch Moles as well as Mice.





Leave you on
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with pictures of
poppies from off the
allotment.