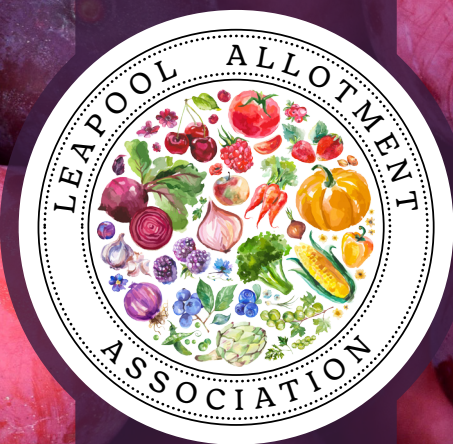




August 2026 News Update

of the Leapool Allotment Association

Upcoming rule change

As was mentioned in the last News Update, changes to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations documents will be presented at the AGM for approval. These documents are in the final stages of preparation by the Committee and will be sent out with the paperwork prior to the AGM on Thursday 24th September.

Once you receive these draft documents, please take some time to read them and submit comments and suggestions to the Committee prior to the AGM. A date for submissions will be included with the draft documents. We hope that this will make lengthy discussion at the AGM unnecessary. Any amendments suggested by members will, of course, be presented for discussion and voting at the AGM.

Trade Waste trial

The Trade Waste bins have now arrived and are situated between the Trading Post containers in the bottom car park. We had hoped to provide one bin in the top car park but, unfortunately, we have been informed that it is not possible to collect from that end of the site. As a compromise, the Council is going to provide a smaller bin for the use of members whose plots are situated there. Once this is up and running, a notice will be placed in the notice board next to plot 57 giving the date of the next collection. Please contact the Committee if you need assistance with moving any bulkier waste items down to the bottom car park.

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We are not sure when the next collection of the large Trade Waste bins will be as they are scheduled for every four weeks starting on Monday 3rd August. Unfortunately, four weeks from then is Bank Holiday Monday, so clarification will be sought from the Council. Once dates have been confirmed, a notice will be placed in the notice board by the Trading Post with the date of the next collection.

Each Trade Waste bin has a notice attached giving full details of what must not be put in them. It is important that members observe these rules as breaches may result in the service being withdrawn.

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On the subject of bins.....

The lid of the bin in the top car park has disappeared! If it has blown onto your plot, please would you let us know or return it to a Committee member. It has "Leapool Allotments" clearly painted on it, so it's obvious who it belongs to!

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Annual show and BBQ

Although we had a slightly lower attendance than in previous years, the annual show and barbecue on 1st August was a great success and all who came agreed it was a most enjoyable afternoon. The standard of entries was very high, so congratulations to those winners and runners up in each category.

Best basket of fruit and vegetables grown at Leapool

- 1st prize, Sadie Adams (plot 36)
- 2nd prize, Ron and Karen Price (plot 27)
- 3rd prize votes were tied so two awards were made, Alison Hinchley (plot 49b) and Simon Ellis (plot 42)

Best "vase" of flowers grown at Leapool

- 1st prize, Becky MacLaren (plot 40b)
- 2nd prize, Michelle Swan (plot 6)

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Best (most amusing) wonky veg

- Becky MacLaren (plot 40b)

This year, we introduced a scarecrow competition for children. As there were only three entries, and they were all really good, prizes were awarded to all entries. Watch this space for an announcement of another competition for children later in the year! (Clue – pumpkins might be involved!)

Poppy McGill ran a cake stall in aid of Wish Upon a Star and raised a whopping £75.05. Congratulations to Poppy and very well done.

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Reminder about RHS benefits

Don't forget we now have a "two for one" entry card for RHS gardens which is free for members of Leapool Allotments to use.

If you're going to be near one of these gardens on holiday, why not borrow the card and pay a visit? Call in at the Trading Post or contact the Committee to book.

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Fancy joining the Committee?

We would love to welcome more members to our dynamic and hard-working Committee.

Everyone is welcome to join, and no previous experience is needed. Nomination forms are included with this newsletter so why not put your name forward? For more information, please speak to a member of the current Committee or email us through our Secretary, Marie.

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