



Newsletter February 2026

New Item in Kings Seed Catalogue

In the latest seed catalogue Kings have listed Pheromone Leek Moth Trap (page 136). Quite a few members will be trying out this new and exciting item, we will then hope to have a successful crop of leeks this year!!

Fruit Tree Pruning

We are fortunate that our local expert, Robin from New Leaf Tree Surgeons, will be running another splendid demonstration at both sites giving advice and help on Tree Pruning.

This will be on Saturday 21st February, meeting at 10am near the Foxes Piece Entrance by the flats entrance, he will then go to Hanging Hill about an hour or so later to give a demonstration there as well.

Please would those interested in attending notify Sylvia via MAA website, thank you.

Hops and Manure

MAA has organised deliveries to both sites of hops and horse manure, with permission by the Council. The Used Hops are delivered by The Rebellion Brewery to each site in turn, when available. These are an excellent mulch for beds and as an addition to the compost bin.

The manure is from a local resident who keeps his own horses, this is quite fresh so it would probably be best to add it to the compost bin, and will be an excellent activator speeding up the process of composting garden waste. Due to H&S reasons The Council will only allow deliveries to Foxes Piece during late Autumn and Winter, these will be dropped into the woodchip Bay by the flats entrance during this short period, they will cease at the end of February 2026 and will hopefully resume later this year.

At Hanging Hill the manure will be dropped all year round into the large manure bay, specifically built and designed for this purpose, plus in the small woodchip bay by the main entrance.

Both Manure and Hops are available for all tenants to help themselves to.

Plot Number Marker Posts

The Council hope to begin this huge task of placing one numbered post in a corner of each plot later this year. The plots will not be renumbered or re-sized. We would appreciate volunteers from both sites to help with this task, some have already supplied their name, please contact Sylvia.

Seedling & Small Plant Stand 14th June

This has been a huge success each year, when small plants & seedlings that had been donated by Members were available to tenants & newcomers, for a small donation to the Association.

It was a success due to all the plants & seedlings that have been donated by Members, Thank you.

This year we plan to hold the stand at Hanging Hill on Sunday 14th June, there will be someone at the entrance to allow access for Foxes Piece Tenants onto the site and the stand will be along the main trackway, as it was last year.

All donations from tenants of surplus seedlings and plants would be appreciated, this is a huge help for newcomers and to those unable to get any seedlings starter this year.

A selection of second-hand tools will also be available. The stand will be Sunday 14th June in the afternoon probably, 12.30pm once the stand has been setup and prepared in the morning, this will be confirmed nearer the time.

Spring is on the Way

Now the evenings are drawing out is the time to get onto the plot and prepare for Spring, clearing any weeds & debris, preparing beds for Spring planting and start work on the planting plan for the coming year.

If plots are in a poor state one way to get started is to cut down or strim all the growth, remove the debris. Then lay down sheets of cardboard which will exclude the light and prevent further growth of all but the most resilient of weeds. Finally cover the cardboard with compost, fresh manure or hops, which will work with the weather rotting down the cardboard for a few months. Sheets of card board can be collected from various Companies in Globe Park, who would otherwise throw it away and of course the manure or hops are also free!! If a tenants would like help with this daunting task, please let MAA know, as we have volunteers on both sites to give help and advice to those that are struggling.

Memberships

Please note that our Annual Membership Renewal runs from 1st November to 31st October the following year, hence the reason that we have the Annual General Meeting each November.

For those that have not already done so, Membership can be renewed as detailed on the attached renewal form, please follow the instructions on the form and send this to Maren with the payment.

Thank you

Woodchips

There woodchip bays on both sites have regular deliveries from a local company, New Leaf Tree Surgeons, who always ensure they are of the best quality possible. The woodchips are for all tenants to use on their allotment plot, if they wish.

When collecting the woodchips, please ensure the areas are left as clear as possible to enable others access to the pathways.

Only one local tree surgeon is authorised access the sites to deliver these. Any tenant with queries or questions over this, please contact Sylvia.

Donated Tools

MAA has received new donations of a variety of surplus small and large tools, these are offered to Members in return for a small donation to MAA. Any additional donations of tools or equipment would be very welcome as these are invaluable to newcomers & novices.

Please contact John via MAA website.

Fire on the Allotment Sites

At present fires and barbeques are not allowed on site. MAA plan to request the Council relax this rule again to be allowed over the Winter period at the next Allotment Working Party meeting.

Next meeting with MTC

The Committee hope to attend an Allotment Working Party Meeting with the Council in Spring, to cover Allotment matters & issues. If any tenant has any matter of concern that they would like MAA to discuss with the Council, please contact a Committee Member.

Communal Tables

There are Communal Tables in Hanging Hill at the entrance in Prospect Road & in Foxes Piece at the entrance by the flats. Tenants can leave surplus seedlings & crop to share with others.

Also, spare or surplus pots & trays are left in that area so that others can benefit from these.

Please remove any broken, damaged or unwanted items – **NO DUMPING IN THIS AREA PLEASE.**

Review of trees & large shrubs

The trees and large shrubs on both sites are reviewed on a regular basis, Denise, who has been a Committee Member for many years, is overseeing this & liaises with MTC. Priority will be given to any trees or large shrubs considered to be dangerous. If any tenant has concerns over this, please email MAA or contact the Council

AGM Minutes

Attached to this email are the AGM minutes. Please advise Sylvia or John of any amendments, corrections or comments.

Stay Safe on the Allotment!!

Tenants should check with their Doctor about their Tetanus Inoculation, if a booster is needed they should arrange to have this as soon as possible.

Seed Scheme

Catalogues & order forms for the National Society Seeds Scheme 2026 are available, plus Members can also download the digital catalogue via <https://nsalg.kingsseeds.com/nsalg-catalogue>. Seeds, onions, garlic, potatoes, plants, fruit bushes & trees, sundries & tools are competitively priced & of high quality, supplied by the Kings Seeds Company. Orders can be placed via the NSALG link online at <http://nsalg.kingsseeds.com>.

Please contact Maren Talbot, our Treasurer & Seed Secretary, for registration and instructions.

For those without internet access, orders can still be placed using the paper order form supplied with the catalogue, to obtain one please contact a Committee Member. These orders should be sent to Maren with the cash payment in the envelope provided or payment can be paid by transfer into the MAA bank account, details are on the form.

Please note MAA receives an annual payment for Commission from Kings, in respect of every order submitted. This is a valuable addition to our Fighting Fund, ensuring that we are prepared, should we need this again.

Your Committee

Committee Members can have several roles but perhaps most importantly, is keeping an eye open for matters of concern at both sites.

They attend periodic meetings each year to discuss allotment issues along with ideas for projects & events, the minutes are posted on our website & notice boards. There are also meetings held with Marlow Town Council throughout the year to cover various Allotment matters or issues & to propose suggestions & ideas.

If any Association Member would like to join the Committee & be part of the Team, or attend a Committee Meeting to discover what is involved, please contact Sylvia Miller.

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