



It's been quite a tough year for most of us this year, with many challenges. If you are a new allotmentee, may I encourage you to invest time in Autumn and Winter to get your plot ready for Spring 2027?

Bonfires and disposal of wood

October 1st is the usual date to allow bonfires on plots, and this is set to go ahead. A few things to remember:

- No bonfires on Sunday or Monday
- No burning of roof felt, plastic or other inappropriate materials
- Check wind direction
- Be considerate of our neighbours - we don't want to lose this facility.

Consider more environmentally friendly methods - putting vegetation in a brown bin, taking larger amounts of wood to the dump. We may offer a community bonfire with one larger one rather than lots of smaller fires. Please check any existing heaps for hedgehogs and other wildlife.



Field Awards



This annual event is free for all IAS members & associate members from fields across Ipswich to attend. The winner of our own field will be announced. This is held at **Gainsborough Labour Club on Saturday 10th October, 7 for 7.30**

Watering

At present the hosepipe ban remains in place. Water taps will be turned off at the end of October, as usual.

Jingle and Mingle

After the success of the Brew Crew this year we are reinstating this Christmas event, with food, drink and a chance to chat just before Christmas. I will let you know the date in the November newsletter.

Shed opening and items for sale

The final day for shed opening is Sunday 25th October. Items for autumn planting include varieties of peas and broad beans.

We are planning to sell potatoes in the new year, as we did last year. Many had purchased their own last winter, so we are letting you know of our plans. Hopefully we can obtain some garlic and onions within the next month – we will let you know. Orgro is in stock.

Garden tools for sale

If you like a bargain, we have some garden tools for sale in the shed, mostly around £2-3.

Lost keys

None claimed, so these will be disposed of. In the meantime, a gate key has been handed in, with a small key ring attached.

David