

Hill Rise Allotment Association

Congratulations on your exciting news. You've got an allotment plot! Lots of things to think about... digging it over, what to grow, how to begin.



A great start would be to join the Hill Rise Allotment Association. We have an active and eager committee working to represent and benefit all the plot holders. For example we've worked with the Town Council on redrafting the tenancy agreement, making water butts more available and maintaining easy access to the site. We've organised planting of the communal hedge with the District Council. How about agreeing a 10% discount at Huntingdon Garden & Leisure for members and arranging a schedule of informative talks from experts? Oh, mustn't forget we've organised assistance to members where needed, for example to put up a shed.



What about the future? Did you know the United Nations has declared next year the International Year of Biodiversity? So we're planning to do our bit for the environment in 2010 with a series of events and family activities to encourage wildlife

on our allotments. Lots more news to follow.

So what does it mean for you? We recognise the great attraction of getting an allotment is the peace and tranquillity it brings pottering about your plot, so the last thing we want to do is get all officious. But we hope you'll find it worthwhile to join so you can go to any of the talks we put on that interest you (anyone can attend but if you're not a member the attendance cost will probably add up to more than the annual membership), get involved in other activities around the allotments, or just support us by being a member.

Membership for 2009-2010 costs £6 for a plot holder and £4 for a cultivator. The plot holder fee includes membership of the National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners, normally costing £20 for an individual membership. A cultivator is someone who helps you with your plot and would also like to be an HRAA member. Use the Huntingdon Garden & Leisure discount a few times & you'll easily recoup your membership cost.

Just complete the attached form and submit it with the appropriate amount to one of the following...

- Ray Frodsham on plot 95 (Ray has a supply of spare forms)
- Richard Weightman, chairman, 3 Swan Close, St Ives PE27 6HX
- John McKinnie, secretary, 2 Devon Close, St Ives PE27 3DR
- Jude Onger, treasurer, 24 Nursery Gardens, St Ives PE27 3NL



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