

Cheltenham and District Allotment Holders' Association

President: Alderman Christine Ryder

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Affiliated to the National Allotment Society and the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies.

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025

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C&DAHA can be contacted by telephone: 01242 802777 (and leave a message)

Membership Advantages

- The Kings Seed Scheme (savings of approx. 40%)
- 10% discount at Dundry Nurseries, Bamfurlong Lane (<https://www.dundrynurseries.co.uk>)
- 10% discount at Valley Roundabout Nurseries, Badgeworth Road, on production of membership card
- Insurance giving public liability cover related to your plot and allotment related shows/events you attend
- Newsletter four times per year
- Online access to the National Allotment Society quarterly magazine 'Allotment and Leisure Gardener'
- National Allotment Society Newsletter four times per year
- Three or four meetings per year – two with a guest speaker
- We offer support, guidance and advice to our members

(Please inform your neighbour plot holders, who are not members, of these benefits).

Allotmenters Liability Insurance

Allotmenter Liability Insurance is provided by the National Allotment Society as part of our association's affiliation to them. Details of the insurance cover can be found here: <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/join-us/allotmenters-liability-insurance>. Please note that members details are only passed to the insurer in the event of a claim.

Dear Member,

Welcome to our latest Newsletter, especially if you have recently joined us. Hopefully your allotment plots are starting to shape up for the summer.

In March, we had a very well-attended talk at [The Brown Jug](#) on the subject of making compost, with lots of useful tips to make better and quicker compost. We haven't used this venue before but there was a good atmosphere and we'll be holding our next meeting there. The Brown Jug very kindly let us have the room at a reduced rate, so please support them and us by coming along and enjoying a drink while listening to the talk.

One of the speaker's tips was to collect vegetable peelings from local pubs or restaurants. Recently, my local pub asked if I would like their peelings - it suits them as they would have to pay for disposal. I took up the offer and now collect about a rubbish bin full of peelings each week. So maybe if you're wanting more compost, for free, then try this.

We've had a good uptake of members wanting online access to the King's Seeds site, giving you the chance to purchase seeds, and more, at a greatly discounted price. If you wish to gain access, we need to register you so please email seeds@cheltenhamallotments.org. You will also be able to make your autumn catalogue order this way and optionally have the items delivered to your door.

We would like to include articles by our members, especially as this is your newsletter. If you have news, tips, recollections, issues, photos or anything you feel others may enjoy, then please let us know.

We are still looking for someone to edit the newsletter, and it does not need to be an onerous task. If you think you may be able to help, please email newsletter@cheltenhamallotments.org.

We would also like representatives from **ALL** of our sites to be on the committee. With so much development going on in the area, our plots are potentially under threat and, when that time comes, C&DAHA will be needed to help. If your site does not have a representative, please consider stepping forward.

Best wishes,

Editor, newsletter@cheltenhamallotments.org

Website Passwords

C&DAHA Website (<https://www.cheltenhamallotments.org>)

The new password for access to the members' area of our website is **PartyTime** a greenhouse cucumber producing a good crop of small fruits.

National Allotment Society Website (<https://thenas.org.uk>)

Username is **s448b**, Password **is1848327**

You can now create your own account, click on 'Forgot your username and/or password', you will be requested to enter your email address (it must be the one registered with our Membership Secretary). If you have any problems, contact membership@cheltenhamallotments.org.

If you log into the members area of the NAS website, you can read the latest edition of the NAS quarterly magazine 'Allotment and Leisure Gardener'.

<https://www.nsalg.org.uk/members-area/the-allotment-and-leisure-gardener-magazine/>

Facebook

Follow us on Facebook, find us at '[Cheltenham & District Allotment Holders Association](#)'.

Email addresses

If you are a new email user or have changed your email address, please contact membership@cheltenhamallotments.org.

Dates for Your Diary

C&DAHA Meetings for 2025

Monday September 1st, 2025 – TBA

This meeting is expected to be held at the Brown Jug, Leckhampton, starting at 7 pm. All members are invited to attend.

Raffle tickets will be on sale, to be drawn at the end of the meeting and will cost £1 per strip.

Monday December 1st, 2025 – AGM

This meeting will be held in TBA, starting at 7 pm. All members are invited to attend.

Raffle tickets will be on sale, to be drawn at the end of the meeting and will cost £1 per strip.

Other Forthcoming Events

August 10th, 2025 – Cheltenham Horticultural Society Summer Show

Pittville School – Details unknown. See <http://www.cheltenhamhorticultural.co.uk/shows.asp>.

August 11-17th, 2025 – National Allotments Week

This year's theme is "Allotments and Wellbeing". See <https://thenas.org.uk/national-allotments-week> for details, including Online Sessions.

One way to celebrate and share awareness of National Allotments and wellbeing week could be to invite a friend or relative down to visit our allotment plot, to show off our garden. Walk around the allotment site and have a chat with other allotment holders or take some allotment produce to gift a neighbour.

Sunday September 14th, 2025 – GFGS Open Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Show

Dundry Nurseries 1 - 4pm. See <https://www.gfgs.org.uk/shows/default.htm>.

September 26-28th, 2025 – Malvern Autumn Festival

See <https://malvernautumn.co.uk/>.

Relevant Suppliers

Dundry Nurseries (<https://www.dundrynurseries.co.uk>) and **Valley Roundabout Nurseries** (Badgeworth Road) offer us a very generous discount of 10%. Please help support them as much as you can.

Kings Seeds

Buy your seeds with up to 40% discount at Kings Seeds (<https://www.kingsseeds.com>). You'll need to be registered by us – email seeds@cheltenhamallotments.org and we'll set you up.

Garden Essentials

Food Loose in Cheltenham sells plastic free gardening items. Currently they keep seaweed fertiliser. You can find them at 15 Grosvenor Terrace, Cheltenham, GL52 2SA Tel: 01242 894700. Their website is <https://foodloose.tillex.co.uk>

Gardening Gloves

For gardening gloves and hand care products, have a look at www.lovelyhands.co.uk, Claire Wiseman is based in Cheltenham and runs 'Lovely Hands' as an on-line business.

Soil Testing

Safe Soil UK offer a range of soil testing services from basic fertility to tests for various types of contaminants as shown on their website: www.safesoil.co.uk. You can contact them through their website, or phone Robert Galster on 07795 486 409 or email him at rgalster@safesoil.co.uk

Horticultural Supplies

For mushroom, other composts and bulk supplies try Shurdington Nurseries: Tel: 01242 863738 <https://www.shurdingtonnurseries.co.uk/>. They are a family run business, if you can't find what you are looking for on their website, phone them and ask as their website generally doesn't show everything they sell.