

Spring 2023 News Letter

To all DATS Members

As everyone will know if you have been to the allotment the replacement building is now up and available for use.

It will be kept unlocked and is available for all plot holders to use. The storage shed to the righthand side is for DATS use and will contain a range of electric battery powered tools for members use. These include a couple of strimmer's, rotovator, a lawnmower and two hedge trimmers. Further details about the use of these will be sent out in a couple of weeks' time.

Now for some important Dates for your diary.

Saturday April 29th – 12.00 noon will be the official opening of the new building. Our local MP Tracey Crouch will be performing the opening ceremony and we would like as many members as possible to come along and support this. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. Please let us know if you are planning to attend so that we can cater for the right number of people.

Saturday May 13th from 3.00 pm. Our 2023 AGM , this will be followed by a BBQ / picnic until dusk.

There are quite a few issues that we need to discuss so this year the AGM is important and we would like all members to attend if possible. (the AGM should last no longer than 1 ½ hours. The agenda will be circulated nearer the time.) This is a similar format to last year and the following gathering seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

Waste Trailer

As you will know the Ditton Parish Council have not reinstated the compostable waste trailer.

They have told us that at present they have no plans to provide a waste removal service. All allotment holders are requested to either compost waste on their own plot or alternatively remove it from site and dispose via their domestic brown bin or via the local tip.

This situation is not satisfactory and we are working to try and get a suitable solution to this, especially for older plot holders or those without some form of transport.

Please contact the Parish Council for more information or to register your dissatisfaction with this situation.

Gemma Jeffs: osa@dittonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Subscriptions

It is now time to renew the subscriptions for the membership of DATS. The subs for this year will remain the same as previously.

Membership per Plot £13.00

Membership with Magazine £20.00

(This includes 4 issues of the Allotment Magazine)

In addition, for new members there is an additional joining fee of £5.00

Ways to pay.

1. By handing Keith either cash or cheque (made payable to DATS)
Or delivering to his home at 87 Primrose Drive Ditton
2. By leaving a cheque in the envelope in the Pea Pod toilet.
3. By BACS payment as follows

A/c : Ditton Allotments Tenancy Society

Sort Code: 20 54 11

A/c No: 63046567

Please use your Surname and Plot Number reference.

We are also asking for a couple of extra people to join the committee to assist with the additional work that the tools and buildings have created. Also possibly someone to assist with the social side of the club.

We really do need some extra help so please consider this seriously

Please complete the attached form and return with your subs, or alternatively there will be an online version on the website.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and at the allotments during the coming year

Regards. Mike Hawksworth (Chairman DATS)

DATS – Questionnaire Spring 2023

Please complete the following questionnaire and return with your subs payment

Name		Tel:	
email		Plot Number	

My subs for the year 2023/24	Please tick as appropriate
Standard Membership £13.00	
Membership with Magazine £20.00	
New Member Joining Fee £5.00	
I have paid the above subs by BACS transfer	
I enclose my cheque or cash	
I have paid the above subs already	

	Yes	No
I am happy for existing committee to continue		
I am happy to join the committee to help out		
I am able to help with working parties		

Please print this form and hand in or send with your subs payment. There is an online form to complete if you prefer or if you are sending a BACS payment.