

# Huntley & Palmers Allotment Association

## Useful Information for Culver Lane Plot-holders

We hope this information will be useful, especially for new plot-holders. If you have any suggestions for inclusion in this list, let us know in The Shed, or email [handptradingshed@gmail.com](mailto:handptradingshed@gmail.com), or use the contact form on the website.

The address of the site is:

Culver Lane Allotments

Blackthorn Close

Earley

Reading

RG6 1DH

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Earley Town Council phone numbers: Normal office hours 01189 868995,

Out of hours emergency 07801 569631

- Please keep the vehicle gates locked closed unless The Trading Shed is open, for the safety of ourselves, allotment and equipment. The gate codes are changed in January each year, please refer to your invoice from Earley Town Council for the new code.
- There is a toilet available in the smaller building in front of you as you enter the site, in the second white door.
- During the winter the water is turned off to the toilet. Please use the bucket to flush the toilet after use.
- Water is also turned off to the water troughs during the winter to prevent pipes freezing then bursting.

- A 50% Suttons Seeds discount code is also available when you join The Allotment Association in The Shed.
- When taking on a new plot have a good look round to see what others are doing and when. Cover areas that you haven't brought into cultivation. This will kill most weeds and grass and prevent the need for much digging. Digging releases carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas and destroys the soil structure necessary for healthy plant growth.
- Please help yourself to the wood chip provided through Earley Town Council in the bin near the vehicle entrance.
- Fresh manure is available, free, from outside the stables at Litchfield Equestrian, Greensward Lane, Arborfield, Reading, RG2 9JN, just take your own bags and help yourself. As the manure is fresh, it will need to stand for 6-9 months, so as not to 'burn' your plants.  
<https://www.rhs.org.uk/soil-composts-mulches/organic-matter-how-to-use-in-garden>
- Peter Burton our Plot Rep together with Emma Carroll the Deputy Town Clarke and Jade Wise the Amenities Administrator at Earley Town Council carry out monthly plot inspections. If you have circumstances that prevent you from keeping your plot in as good a condition as you would like, please let Peter at [pbalchamy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pbalchamy@yahoo.co.uk) or Jade at Earley Town Council on 0118 986 8995, [bookings@earley-tc.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@earley-tc.gov.uk), so they are forewarned and ETC do not need to send a letter asking if everything is OK.
- We have an informal watering arrangement, between ourselves for when we are away on holiday. If you would like to join in with this please see Peter Burton our Plot Rep Plot 68 or email him at the [handptradingshed@gmail.com](mailto:handptradingshed@gmail.com)
- There is a pedestrian gate at the north of the site, the lock code is the same as the main gate.

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