

## October 2013: The AGM and our Potato and Onion trading scheme.



*This month we have a few pictures of Brian and Muriel Horsburgh's Lady Road plot, which came a close Second in the Edinburgh in Bloom allotment competition.*

## FEDAGA Annual General Meeting: 15th October.

A reminder for your diaries: the AGM takes place next week. Details [here](#).

# Time to order they tatties.



In case you aren't already aware, it's time to see your site rep about ordering seed potatoes and onion and shallot sets for next year. Ordering through FEDAGA is the cheapest way to get hold of the best quality. It also benefits your site association as a proportion of the price returns to your site coffers.

Please note, due to the bulky nature of these items they are not included in our King's Seeds on-line mail order scheme.

The closing date is 30th October, but please don't leave it to the last minute. Further details [here](#).

If you've yet to sign up for the King's scheme, the details are [here](#).



*Beautiful shot of the second placed allotment plot this year.*



# Photography competition.

FEDAGA would like to encourage your creativity by staging a photography competition. The remit is wide: anything remotely to do with, er, allotments.

We've not yet arranged a prize, but are seriously considering something. Anyway, it's not the winning, but the taking part that counts!

If you've got any interesting shots taken in or around the plot please send them in. We'd love to see and share them. It'll help to get us through the long winter.

Contact FEDAGA [here](#).



*It's worth remembering that the narrowest margins separated the top plots in this year's competitions.*

## The Alloted Month



This is a busy time in the allotment as many vegetables are now ready for harvesting and the decent Summer weather means that crop yields are much higher than last year. A few weeks ago I lifted all of my onions as the soil conditions had become so dry that the onions had all pushed themselves out of the ground and the leaves had started to die back. Onions will start to rot in the soil if left too long after they have matured so lifting them seemed a wise choice. Onions will keep for several months if allowed to dry out and kept in dry, cool conditions. Next year I must remember to mulch the ground around the onions as this should help stop the soil drying out so much.

Most of my onions were grown from sets this year however I did try growing some from seed as an experiment. The seed grown results were very disappointing and I am still uncertain of what I have done wrong.

Follow the adventures of J Greenfingers [here](#).

## Water supply on Council sites.

Please note that the water supply on Council sites will be turned off at the end of October.



*Next month: pictures of the winning plot.*

