

Want compost this year? Order now!

Once again we'll be placing a bulk order for compost to Caledonian Horticulture for delivery in late October/November. It costs only £25 for a half a tonne ('builders') bag of high quality compost. If you want some, please first email [Anne Sofie](#) giving your name, plot number and how many bags you'd like.

Payment of £25 per bag by bank transfer please to: West Mains Allotment Association, Royal Bank of Scotland, sort code 831909, account no 00765729. If you prefer not to use bank transfer, please leave a cheque in the cabin made out to West Mains Allotment Association (but no cash please). Payment must be received before the compost is ordered.

The compost will be delivered at the cabin area as the truck is too large to go around the site. The bags will be labelled and there will be signs explaining that the compost is for those who have ordered and paid.

We will need a volunteer to open the gate for delivery, so great if you can also let Anne Sofie know if you'd be able to be on site at an agreed time on a Wednesday or Friday in late October/mid-November.

The deadline for ordering is **23 October 2017**.

Apple press on site this Sunday 8th October

At very short notice we've been able to borrow FEDAGA's apple press for this Sunday, 8th October. Come along to the cabin if you'd like to try it out, and if you happen to know how these things work, we'd very much like to see you there, as it's always better to learn from experience than the instruction manual. If anyone has spare windfalls that people can experiment with, please bring them along or leave them next to the cabin.

'Creative Meet-up'

A few plot-holders at our recent AGM thought it might be nice to start an informal creative group, meeting up once a month or so over the winter months. It could be for sketching, photography, knitting, creative writing or whatever creative form you would like to do. The first 'Meet-up' is planned for **Sunday 29th October at 11am**, meeting in the cabin, please bring along your own materials. All welcome.

Skip update

Yes indeed, it's bigger this time, meaning the lorry had to leave it just inside the gate. So apologies to anyone who was hoping to drive in this week.

Lots of things were brought and taken in the Chuck & Swap on Sunday, but please continue to put anything that could have a second life with someone else into the chalk-marked area to the right of the cabin, and if anything there looks like it has lurked for a while, do us a favour and get it into the skip. We intend to keep the skip until it is filled and at least until after next weekend (Sunday 8th Oct).

AGM report

Sunday's AGM reviewed the events and services your committee organised for the site and its finances for 2016-17. Minutes will be posted on the noticeboards and in the Cabin, but in short I can report that we are in a healthy state financially (£1147 in the bank at the end of the year), we have run a successful Open Day which brought in £406 for the site (and enabled us to provide the skip), we've organised socials, bulk compost orders and skips, we've created a website, and we continue to update you in this, our occasional newsletter. We're quite pleased

with how things are going, and being on the committee is a rewarding role with not too much effort involved, so it was disappointing that when it came to election of a new committee no-one new wanted to join in!

Committee update

We have said farewell and a big thank you to Julian Bell, but otherwise your committee is once again: Rosy Naylor (Convenor), Anne Sofie Laegran (Treasurer), Jane Robinson (Secretary), Colin MacKenzie and David Hills.

However, Rosy, Jane and Anne Sofie are due (or overdue!) to stand down next year as our Constitution requires. We are keen to hear from anyone interested in shadowing the roles of Convenor, Treasurer or Secretary so the site still has a Committee this time next year. You have been warned! Please get in touch if you are interested: [Rosy](#), [Anne Sofie](#), or [Jane](#).