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# LITTLE MOOR ALLOTMENTS LTD

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## Thank You

Thanks to all who helped with the tree cutting on 27<sup>th</sup> October. There will be another day organised, date TBC

## Site Security

Break-ins - Once again we've had intruders on the site and a number of items have been stolen. In the past it's largely been kids up to mischief, but this time around it had an organised feel to it, as if they were targeting specific items that could be easily sold. We'd advise plot holders not to leave anything of value in your shed and leave the door unlocked to prevent it being damaged. If anything of value is stolen, please contact the police and report it.



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## Lease

Lease - a number of the wartime allotment sites met recently to finalise our version of the lease which will be submitted to the Council and Freeman this week for their review. We are very hopeful that it will be accepted as there were very few changes needing to be made.

## AGM

The AGM will be on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at South North Cricket Club in Gosforth. We encourage you all to attend

## Trading Hut

Trading hut winter hours are now operational 10-11 Sunday mornings  
Potatoes and onion sets have been ordered for sale in the New Year.  
Delivery will be in January/February.

## Bonfires

As per the council guidelines, we are now allowed to light bonfires (from 1st November).

For info, we'll be having a bonfire, to burn the trees from the next tree cutting day. We urge people not to light their own bonfires, but to use the communal bonfire if you have any old wood you need to get rid of. As a reminder, you must make sure that all metal objects like nails, screws, hinges etc are removed before throwing wood on the bonfire. Please don't throw green vegetation on the bonfire as it causes smoke and annoys our neighbours!

See below on how to protect wildlife from harm when lighting a bonfire

## Pumpkins and Sunflowers

Congratulations to the winners of the Sunflower and Pumpkin Competition!

Sunflower - Wendy Gregory, Plot 99, Height 8'2"

Pumpkin - Ben Norman, Plot 42A, Weight 10kg



## Flagstones

Flag stones needed - if anyone has any spare flagstones that they no longer need, please can you let the secretary know. We need to create better access to some new restricted mobility plots as well as round the pond

## Wildlife and Bonfires

If you decide to light your own bonfire, please make sure you follow these rules;

Piles of twigs, logs and Autumn leaves are the perfect hibernation spot for hedgehogs and other wildlife, such as frogs and toads. The middle of a bonfire pile is the ideal spot – out of the wind and the rain.

Ideally build your bonfire on the day it is going to be lit. Create a pile and then move it to the bonfire site on the day itself. Choose a site that is clear of leaves and other vegetation where you are sure there are no creatures already hibernating.

If you have no choice but to build your bonfire in advance, check thoroughly with bright torches and watch for movement and listen for noises. Hedgehogs will be in the bottom 2 feet of the bonfire. They will often dig down into the ground beneath it. Ideally a team of people should check to cover all sides of the bonfire. Only ever light the bonfire from one side – giving wildlife a chance to escape from the other sides.

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