

RATS, COMPOST AND BAIT BOXES

The rat problem at Dominion, Hill Barn, West Tarring and Chesswood is being dealt with by the laying of baited boxes around the sites. If you come across a box please don't touch it, they're usually located close to fences around the edges of the sites.

To help keep rats away, please ensure you only add uncooked, green waste, cardboard and newspaper to your compost. **NEVER** put cooked food or meat/fish on your heap/pile/bin and if you add eggshells ensure they're thoroughly clean first.

WAM TREASURER VACANCY

Our wonderful treasurer, Jenny Martin, is standing down from the committee at the next AGM, and we'd like to find a new treasurer over the next couple of months, so we have time for a good handover period. If you're interested please get in touch with Peter Hannam (chair@wamplots.org.uk) or Paul Eustice (secretary@wamplots.co.uk).

MANURE MESS

When you're taking manure from one of the communal bins, especially at the Ringmer Road end of West Tarring, please ensure you don't overload your barrow or spread the manure around. If you make a mess by the bin or on a path please clear up after yourself.

JUST GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR PLOT?

There's plenty of useful information on our website:

<http://wamplots.org.uk/getting%20started.html>

FEBRUARY ON THE PLOT

Sow in the greenhouse/indoors

Tomatoes, chillies, aubergines, peppers, cabbages, celeriac, cucumbers, leeks.

Sow direct

Broad beans.

Sow under cover

Beetroot, early carrots, radishes.

Don't forget to chit your seed potatoes.

HILL BARN

A new water tank is being installed ready for spring.

FRUIT BUSHES/ TREES

This is a great time for planting and pruning, but please remember only dwarf varieties are to be grown on any site.

FIRST AID KITS

First aid kits are going to be provided, site by site, over the spring. Location details will be available soon.

HAYNES ROAD

A new, non-slip surface is to be installed at the entrance.

SHELTER FOR WEST TARRING MINI-PLOTS

As mini-plots don't have space for a shed, a shelter (which you'll be pleased to hear is full-size) has been erected by the central car park.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WILDLIFE AREA

If you fancy getting involved with the wildlife area at West Tarring, please get in touch with Jack Powis (areaAmanager@wamplots.org.uk).