



The National Allotment Society

Your June Gardening Checklist



Dear Kay

June has arrived—the perfect time to watch your allotment flourish! Whether you're planting new crops or keeping on top of weeds, now's the moment to nurture your plot and set yourself up for a successful season.

Read on for your June to-do list and top tips to help your garden thrive.

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What Are You Doing for National Allotments Week?



National Allotments Week runs from 11–17 August 2025, with this year's theme, “Allotments and Wellbeing,” celebrating how these green spaces support healthier lives, stronger communities, and our connection to nature.

👉 **We'd love to hear from you!**

If you're organising an open day, community BBQ, fundraiser, or any other event to celebrate, please **let us know**. Sharing your plans allows us to promote your activities, offer support, and boost engagement nationwide.

To make it easier, we've put together a free NAW Promotional Tool Kit filled with resources like poster templates, social media graphics, a press release, and even a quiz for your open day!

Together, we can highlight these precious spaces and the people who make them flourish. Please get in touch and help us spread the word!

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[Let us Know Your Plans](#)



My Happy Place Photo Competition – Now Open!

To celebrate National Allotments Week (11–17 August 2025), we're excited to launch a special photo competition just for allotment holders — and it couldn't be simpler to enter!

What to do:

Send us a photo of your personal "happy place" on your allotment — that special spot that brings you peace, pride, or pure joy. Whether it's a colourful flower patch, your favourite bench, or a view that lifts your spirits, we want to see what makes your plot special.

How to enter:

- Submit one photo with a short caption (1–2 sentences) telling us why that spot means so much to you.
- Post your photo on social media with the hashtags **#NationalAllotmentsWeek25** and **#NAW25**
OR
- Email your image and caption to **marketing@thenas.org.uk**

Prizes:

We'll be awarding three gift vouchers worth £500 in total — one £200 prize and two £150 prizes. Winners will be chosen based on heart, creativity, and how well their photo captures this year's theme: **Allotments and Wellbeing**.

Deadline: Monday 11 August 2025

Please note: By entering, you agree that your photo may be used by us for promotional purposes in connection with National Allotments Week and related activities.

Let's celebrate the calm, connection, and community allotments bring, and share the hidden corners that make us happiest.

Get snapping and show us your happy place!

[Email Here](#)

Last Chance to Register for the AGM



The AGM is almost here, but there's still time to register!

Our strength comes from you — this is a member-led organisation, and we rely on your involvement to keep moving forward.

Will you be voting at the AGM? If you're the main contact for an association or an individual member, please come along and cast your votes. Your voice helps shape the future and keeps us going strong.

It's also a fantastic opportunity to connect, socialise, and discover something new. Fill in the delegate form from the last magazine or go online to vote on the proposed motions — and make your voice count.

[Register Now](#)

Celebrate the Best with Top of the Plots!



The National Allotment Society is delighted to support Top of the Plots — a fantastic celebration of the UK's most impressive gardens and allotments.

Whether you're nurturing neat rows of veg, cultivating colourful borders, or creating a wildlife-friendly haven, this is your chance to share your passion and creativity with the nation.

Think your plot has what it takes to win?

Send a photo of your garden or allotment to topofthepLOTS@democracypr.com, along with a short description and your chosen category in the subject line.

🌟 Brilliant prizes to be won!

Winners will receive a share of **£1,000 worth of Gardena products**, helping you grow your space even further.

From beginners to seasoned growers, everyone is welcome to take part – we can't wait to see your blooming brilliant entries!

🔗 Categories include:

- **Best Allotment** – The top pick from official allotment spaces.
- **Best Garden Plot** – For the finest backyard or home garden.
- **Best New Plot** – For plots started within the past 12 months, judged on their seasonal progress.

🏠 Additional categories celebrating the diversity of the UK's growing spaces:

- **Kids on the Plot** – Featuring our future gardeners in action.
- **Best Small Plot** – Ideal for compact growing spaces like balconies or windowsills.
- **Biodiversity on the Plot** – Celebrating wildlife-friendly gardening.
- **Best Community Plot** – Recognising spaces that bring people together.

Get snapping, get growing, and show the UK just how wonderful your little patch of green can be!

[Find out More](#)

Thank you for sharing your wellbeing stories



A huge thank you to everyone who shared their wonderful stories with us! We're excited to let you know that your stories will be featured in upcoming publications, on our socials, and on our website. [Congratulations](#) to our book winners, **Louise Ashcroft** and **Allan Gallop** — signed copies of *Lady Muck* will soon be on their way to you!

With National Allotments Week just around the corner, we're celebrating wellbeing — whether your allotment has supported your mental health, physical recovery, nutrition, or social connections. Growing truly boosts wellbeing, and we're so grateful you've shared how it's helped you.

Keep an eye out for your stories and more inspiring content as we celebrate the joy and power of growing together — plus a little laughter thanks to *Lady Muck*'s hilarious gardening adventures.

[Lady Muck](#)

In Case You Missed Our May Blogs

If you missed any of our May blogs, you can catch up now! We've gathered some of the highlights for you. To explore all of them, head over to our News section. Happy reading!

Time for an Allotment?



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Dead Wildlife on Your Plot?



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Plant Supports for Your Plot



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Dear Member,

Hello! I'm Susan – the New Finance Officer at NAS

I recently joined the team and, while I'm new to the world of allotments, I bring years of finance know-how with me. From managing budgets to keeping the books in order, my role is all about making sure everything behind the scenes runs smoothly and sustainably.

It's been great learning more about the amazing work you all do and seeing how much energy and care goes into every plot. I might not be wielding a spade, but I'm here to help dig into the numbers and support the work that keeps NAS thriving.

I'm excited to be part of this growing community – and I look forward to supporting you all (quietly and efficiently!) from the background.

Best wishes,



Susan - Finance

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