

Agenda item 1(iv) TABLED Briefing note Muswell Hill Area Forum 13 September 2012

Muswell Hill Area Forum

Propose of the briefing

Muswell Hill Area Forum will focus on 'green issues'. There is an agenda which focuses on Composting, Water butts and Community allotments. Issues to be covered will include:

- Details of take-up of home composting and what is available from Council.
- Details of take-up of water butts and what is available from Council.
- Progress of Community Allotment schemes in the four wards.

Background

The council is signed up to a scheme, led by Straight plc, which offers compost bins and a range of other green products (water butts, wormeries and composting accessories) at reduce cost:

- Compost bins are available for £16 plus 5.49 delivery
- Water butt kits are available for £28.95 (110 litre)

Details can be found on Haringey's website and the get composting website: http://www.haringey.getcomposting.com/

Take up

The table below shows the total sold in the last year (August to August):

Compost converter (220 litre)	56
Compost convertor (330 litre)	74
Mini rain saver water butt kit	24
Rainsaver water butt kit	10
Basic womerie	1

Further information

Activity with NLWA

NLWA waste authority ran a compost bin giveaway on 18th of March 2012 – at Community Garden in Myddleton Road, N22. Another compost and compost bin giveaway will take place on 29th September at Restore, Unit 18 Ashley Road Depot between 10-2pm.

Community Allotment Scheme

Haringey has committed to creating 60 community food growing spaces by 2012, we surpassed this in early 2012 and currently have 84. Groups can contact Capital Growth to help start up food growing space.

Map available at http://www.capitalgrowth.org/spaces/?id=&postcode=&borough=13&limit_start=0&submit=submit&x=17&y=14

In addition on the website, details are provided for where established spaces require volunteers to help etc. This Saturday – 15th September, there is a capital Growth Edible Open Gardens Day. Nearest in Haringey are

- Greener Minds at Station House, 73C Stapleton Hall Road from 11am to 4pm
- Castle Climbing Centre Garden, Green Lanes N4 2HA from 11am to 4pm
- Food from the Sky, Roof of Thornton's Budgens, Crouch End, 3pm to 6pm.

Community Gardens in Muswell Hill Area Forum area

Highgate Primary School
St Michael's School
Jackson's Lane @ 269a Archway Road
Fortis Green Community Allotments Trust
Coldfall Primary School – Fruits for All
The Meadow Orchard Project
Rhodes Avenue School
Highgate wood Secondary School
Muswell Hill Primary School
Highgate Synagogue
Queen's Wood Organic Garden