



## Mowing Rota Notes

1. The grass paths between plots will be cut by the work parties where required.
2. Depending on how quick the grass is growing it may be beneficial to do one cut at the start of the two week period and another one at the start of your second week.
3. Please also cut the grass around the main gate, i.e. where the notice board is located and the inner gate and also please trim along the edges of the main grass pathways.
4. The mower is not a mulching mower and therefore the clippings have to be collected. But what to do with them? Some of the clippings will contain Mares Tail and as such should be disposed of carefully. As a committee we are extremely conscious of the need to limit the spread of this intolerant weed on the plots. The first pile of clippings behind the Farm entrance gate is the only one designated for any clippings taken from a known source of Mares Tail. Please do not leave them in a heap elsewhere which invariably then turns into a slimy mess. The two white Dumpy Bags in the communal shed are useful to collect the clippings from the mower then drag them to the pile near the farm gate.
5. Please do not forget to clean the mower and re-fill with ordinary E10 Petrol.
6. Finally if holidays intervene please make arrangements to swap with another member.

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When you next enter the communal shed you will notice that a small rather delicate blue mower has joined the ranks of mechanical implements stored in there. This latest addition is to be used to cut the grass between plots. IN FUTURE THE HONDA IS NOT TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. The blue one has a plastic body so will not be affected by mud and stones as the Honda is. It starts easily enough BUT will need the red rubber ball on the front of the carburettor pressed at least five or six times to draw petrol through from the tank before pulling the recoil starter rope. It does not have a collecting bag. Same rules apply as the Honda, please clean as much debris from underneath as you can and please fill with ordinary E10 petrol after use.

Thank you  
Scruton Allotments Committee