

**06/19/05 - The hot dry spell**

With the hot dry spell, the need to water has become imperative. Remember, all hoses must be fitted with a trigger release attachment. Most of the hoses on site have one. Please do not remove any; just use the connection even when filling water butts. When everyone has to water, the deficiencies of the water supply become obvious. All water on site comes in through a pipe below the main entrance. When anyone on the lower path turns on a tap all other users have a much reduced supply as the lower path is on a down pipe. Most ploholders on the lower path are aware of this and try not to 'hog' the water. However there is only the one tap on the lower path to serve 23 allotments.

Originally, a second water supply came in from the Woodside Road entrance and served the top of the site. The last tap on this line was on plot 86. When the pipe rusted away a decision was made, (without consulting ploholders), not to renew it. This is why the top of the site became derelict.

There is still one tap left on this line near the top gate but it is now marked with red paint ? never a good sign on our site!

Congratulations to Jane & Andrew (Plot 63.) on the birth of their second daughter Isabelle Catherine last month