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The prolonged heat has finally cleared, but what an extremely hot and dry period we have left behind. The sun shone for months on end, but any serious rain was nowhere to be seen… It is great to see some rain falling now, but that does not solve the wider issues. It is causing major problems on many fronts; the newspapers are full of it. While strict water restrictions are in place in many areas, we have the great privilege at our allotment complex of still being able to water our gardens. This is a valuable resource that we must use very sparingly. You can read more about this further down in the newsletter.



Do you always lock the gate with the key when entering and leaving?Excellent, because that is exactly how it should be.
Yet, it often does not happen. It is very simple: **it must ALWAYS be locked.**

- Even if the gate is unlocked when you arrive or leave;
- Even if you are only visiting for a short moment;
- Even early in the morning and late at night;
- Even if your garden is close to one of the entrances;
- Even if you are expecting visitors;
- And even if you think it is nonsense. 😊



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Reports of missing harvests and tools

We are in the peak of harvest season. After months of hard work — sowing, pricking out, weeding, and watering — we are finally reaping the rewards of our labor.

Unfortunately, we have once again received reports of harvests and tools disappearing from the gardens. It is incredibly disheartening to arrive at your plot in the evening, ready to pick that one ripe cauliflower or those delicious strawberries, only to discover that someone else has taken them without asking.

As an association, we stand for peace, community, and respect — both for nature and for each other. Keep your hands off other people's gardens; that is the fundamental rule. Whether it is a passerby 'innocently' picking a flower, or someone deliberately walking around the complex with bags: we do not tolerate theft. If you are caught stealing by a board member, it will result in the immediate termination of your membership.

What can we do together? We can make things very difficult for thieves by staying alert:

- **Always lock the gate with your key.**
- **Increase social awareness:** If you see someone on the complex you don't recognize or who is acting strangely, approach them in an open and friendly manner. For example, ask: *"Hi, are you looking for someone?"* or *"Which plot is yours?"*. Well-meaning visitors won't mind this at all, while thieves will be deterred instantly.
- **Harvest on time:** Do not leave ripe crops hanging or standing for too long. The less time they are visible, the smaller the temptation.
- **Store your valuables properly** or take them home with you.
- **Report incidents:** Has your garden been 'harvested' by someone else, or has there been a break-in? Always report this to the board. If necessary, file a report with the police as well.

Let's keep an eye out for each other. Together, we can ensure that our allotment complex remains a safe and wonderful place where we can all continue to garden with pride!



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Rabo ClubSupport: Vote for de Oude Bogten!

Once again, we are participating this year and hoping for a great contribution from Rabobank to fund new roof panels for our clubhouse. The more people who vote for us, the larger the contribution we receive, **so please spread the word!** Are you a member of Rabobank Regio Eindhoven? Then you can cast your vote for us. You will receive a message from Rabobank regarding the campaign. Voting is completely free and is open from **September 7th until September 29th**. Can we count on your vote?
We will find out the final amount we receive from Rabobank in mid-October.

Only Rabobank members are eligible to vote. Are you a customer of Rabobank Regio Eindhoven, but not yet a member? Any customer aged 12 and older can become a member for free, with no obligations, and vote immediately. You can apply for membership directly in the Rabobank app via:
Menu / Settings *(Instellingen)* / I'll join *(Ik doe mee)* / I want to become a free member *(Ik wil gratis lid worden)* / and vote through my membership *(en stem via mijn lidmaatschap)*.



🗓️ New date: Kale 'bitterballen' workshop!

A quick update from the activities committee: this workshop has been rescheduled and will now take place on **October 24th instead of October 10th**. Please note that sign-ups are **NOT** open yet. Kindly wait for the upcoming newsletter from the activities committee for instructions on how to register.



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Key points for watering your garden

We have been very busy watering our gardens this gardening year. Many gardeners use a sprinkler for convenience. And convenience makes life easier, doesn't it? However, it is not the best method for the plants, as they receive water from above. Especially combined with a hot sun, this can cause the leaves to 'scorch'. It is best to water at the base of the plant. Although the garden needs less water towards the end of the season and rain is returning, there are a few key points for watering that always apply.

- **Your own garden only**: Aim the sprinkler accurately at your own plot. Do not spray the pathway; that is a waste of water, as pathways do not need to be watered.
- **No nuisance to others**: Pay close attention to the wind direction and the position of your sprinkler. Make sure others do not accidentally get wet.
- **Use a garden hose or watering can** if it is very windy.
- **Consider using drip hoses**, which are the most effective way of watering.
- **Be conscious of water consumption**: Water is precious. Preferably water early in the morning or late in the evening to prevent evaporation. It is better to water thoroughly a few times a week than a little bit every day.



🗓️ Save the date: Our annual BBQ is back!

It is quickly becoming a bit of a tradition: our annual BBQ!
The big day is **Saturday, October 3rd**. You can find all the details and information in the separate invitation attached to the email containing this newsletter.

Membership certificates still available

Membership certificates are still available for purchase. We launched the sale of these certificates back in November 2023 as one of the avenues to fund the renovation of our clubhouse. Since we haven't been able to fully complete all of our plans just yet, we would like to bring this opportunity to your attention once again. Are you interested in purchasing one or more certificates to support us? Please send an email to penningmeester@oudebogten.nl.

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Limited coffee hours in September (Check the new schedule!)

We will have limited opening hours for coffee during the month of September. This is due to the limited availability of our regular volunteers.

When will we be open?

- Wednesday: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM *(**only on September 3rd and 10th**)*
- Friday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

We may also open on a random Monday if volunteers are available.



🛒 Get your garden supplies directly at the clubhouse!

We are fully restocked on lava meal and organic vegetable garden potting soil! We also still have bamboo (tonkin) canes available. Our prices are highly competitive, and you won't even have to make a trip to the local garden center or hardware store. Interested? You can purchase these supplies at the clubhouse on **Sundays between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM**. Alternatively, you can check in with one of our board members.

Prices:

- Lava meal *(Lavameel)*: €22 per 25 kg bag
- Organic potting soil *(Biologische moestuinpotgrond)*: €12 per 70-liter bag
- Bamboo canes *(Tonkinstokken)*: €1.20 each