Welcome

8th AGM – 7 April 2022

Haslemere Allotments Association

Current Committee

Johan Ditmar, **Chair** (Plot 36A)

Orla Kelly, **Vice Chair** (Plot 41B)

Colin Hewson, **Secretary** (Plot 42A)

Ann Tierney, **Treasurer** (Plot 58A)

Caro Sanders, **Member** (Plot 41A)

Ian Hayes, **Member** (Plot 23A)

Sean Lewis, **Member** (Plot 33A)

Stuart Alexander, **Member** (Plot 42B)

Val Austin, **Member** (Plot 13B)

Plot Management

Year	Total plots	New tenants	Waiting list
2017	123	9	44
2018	127	15	15
2019	127	7	26
2020	130	18	26
2021	130	10	**70**
2022	131	14	**82**

- We currently have 131 plots (10 whole, 121 half) between 127 plot holders
- The person at the top of the waiting list applied in April 2020

Site Maintenance

- Thanks to the site maintenance team: **John McArthur** (Plot 14A) and **Steve Embleton** (Plot 50A)

- Maintenance highlights:
  - Hired 2 skips at a cost of £684
  - Additional communal rubbish removed by van (£782)
  - Tree surgery
    - 3 oversized trees removed from relinquished plots (£530)
    - Large apple tree on plot 61B was pruned (£204)
    - Organised chipping day for plot holders (£192)
  - Communal Trolleys
    - Two new trolleys were purchased at a cost of £270
    - An additional £100 was spent on maintenance





Site Maintenance

- Water
  - Water availability has been problematic in recent hot years
    - Fewer reported issues in 2021 due to cooler, wet weather
  - Last year we trialled float valves which proved to be unreliable
  - We have started increasing tank capacity through joining tanks together
    - Any spare plastic or metal tanks similar to current ones would be gratefully received
- Storm Eunice
  - A number of greenhouses, sheds and other property suffered damage
  - Some damage to the greenhouse roof and the notice sign on the Midhurst side fell over
  - Both were repaired at the following communal workday, a special thanks to **Nick Lee** (plot 60B) for repairing the notice sign





Site Maintenance

- Main path damage
  - In January, vehicles caused significant damage to the main path and three plots
  - The plot holder has undertaken repairs by levelling the ground and reseeding grass in the area most affected
  - The path is still uneven in areas
    - This makes maintenance more difficult
    - Future work days will be spent on gradually levelling the ground
  - The committee temporarily closed the site to motor vehicles for repairs to take effect and to prevent vehicles getting stuck





Events

- Annual Plant Sale
  - Thanks to **Vinka Reeves** and other volunteers for organising
  - A total of £800 for Ealing Soup Kitchen and Ealing Food Bank (almost doubling the previous year!)
  - Next plant sale will most likely take on Saturday 14 May (TBC)
- Macmillan Coffee Morning
  - Thanks to **Val Austin**, **Heather Millican** and **Irena Sawyer**
  - An amazing £850 was raised





Communal Projects

- Thanks to all plot holders who have come to help on our workdays on the 1st Saturday of every month
  - A special thanks to **Gillian Brown** (plot 34B) for supporting everyone with tea & biscuits!

- Highlights
  - The communal greenhouse is finally in use - table spaces are rented out to 12 plotholders
  - A new communal tool shed has been erected to replace old dilapidated one
  - Composting toilet was completed
  - Construction of insect house and dry hedging to promote wildlife
  - 7 new try-out beds were created for new "Gardening Club" tenants, bringing total to 11.





Communal Projects

- Gardening Club
  - Allows prospective plotholders to try out what's it's like to have an allotment plot, but on a small scale
  - A gardening club plot is probationary, and may or may not result in being offered a half plot
    - The tenancy is subject to a contract with HAA
  - Feedback from GC plot holders has been very positive



- Plans for the coming year:
  - Construction of new small shed for Gardening Club on 61B
  - Construction of a larger communal shed on 48A
    - To provide tea-making facilities, a gardening library, and somewhere to store the BBQ
  - Additional water butts on communal buildings
  - Any other suggestions? Please let us know



Treasurer's Report

2020

- Income: £8,212
- Expenditure: £5,878
- Surplus: £2,365
- Balance (cash): £11,796

2021

- Income: £4,988
- Expenditure: £4,577
- Surplus: £411
- Balance (cash): £12,207

Sinking fund: £7,218

Bank and cash in hand at 16/03/2022: £11,554

Motion: Restricting vehicle access

- The committee propose to reduce car use by requiring plot holders to ask for permission before bringing a vehicle on site
  - Vehicles will be allowed if the condition of the soil allows, but not as an alternative to using a wheel barrow or trolley
- Why?
  - Prevent compaction of soil and damage to paths and plots
    - Avoid incidents like in January
    - Prior to that, a number of plots bordering main path have suffered damage from cars on multiple occasions
- **Vote on proposal**

Committee Elections

- Nominees

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- Many thanks to Ann Tierney, Ian Hayes and Rachel Walkowiak for their contribution

Matters Raised & AOB