Welcome

9th AGM – 23 April 2023

Haslemere Allotments Association

Current Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

Helene Edgar, **Member** (Plot 20A)

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	13	**81**
2023	132	9	**86**

- We currently have 132 plots (9 whole, 123 half) between 129 plot holders
- The person at the top of the waiting list applied in July 2020

Site Maintenance

- Thanks to the site maintenance team: **John McArthur** (Plot 14A), **Ian Hayes** (Plot 23A) and **Steve Embleton** (Plot 50A)

- Waste Disposal
  - Hired 1 skip at a cost of £372
  - More rubbish was collected after clearing plot 57B – this plot was left in a bad state after it had been vacated by the previous plot holder
- Equipment
  - The association purchased a Stihl HLA 135 cordless long-reach hedge trimmer (£885) which is used by John
  - The trolleys have had numerous repairs and parts replacements over the year. Please try to avoid loading too much into them.





Site Maintenance

- Fencing
  - Replaced 22 meters of old fencing backing onto an alley way leading to Chalfont Way
  - The total cost for the new fence was **£3,027**, which was paid out of our sinking fund
- Tree surgery
  - Several large plum trees as well as an apple tree were pruned on plot 36B, as well as a large bay tree on plot 6B
  - An apple tree was removed on plot 65A as it had grown too tall with no growth at the bottom
  - The apple and cherry trees on the communal plot 1B were pruned and reduced in height
  - In total, £876 was spent on tree surgery which was paid for by Pathways against our maintenance budget
- Water
  - We are continuing to look to increase water availability by increasing water tank capacity through joining tanks together. An extra tank has been installed near plot 42A.





Site Maintenance

- New Plot Signs
  - To make management of plots easier, 73 plot signs have been ordered
  - Each single sign is for a whole plot, covering both A and B, except for plots 44A and 44B
  - They are made of solid powder coated aluminium, rather than composite, as it is durable and should last a long time
  - The total cost for the signs to the association is £2,027 (including £2k external funding)



Events

- Annual Plant Sale
  - Thanks to **Vinka Reeves** and other volunteers for organising
  - A total of £550 was raised for Ukraine UNICEF fund
  - Next plant sale will take on Saturday 13 May
- We also had our first summer barbeque since the pandemic, in July
- In September, £720 was raised at our second coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support





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
  - A new Gardening Club shed was created on 61B with water butts attached to collect water
  - Larger communal shed on 48A was erected to provide tea-making facilities, a gardening library, and somewhere to store the BBQ
  - The communal greenhouse is in its second year of use - table spaces are rented out to 11 plotholders



Communal Projects

- Gardening Club
  - Is now established, allows prospective plotholders to try out what's it's like to have an allotment plot, but on a small scale
  - All but 3 of 2022's cohort have graduated to their own plots
  - 11 new GC tenants have just started for 2023
- Plans for the coming year:
  - Additional water butts on communal buildings
  - Plenty of other things: ongoing maintenance of the communal/gardening club structures, keeping trees and shrubs under control etc
  - Any other suggestions? Please let us know





Treasurer's Report

2021

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

2022

- Income: £6,817
- Expenditure: £4,322
- Surplus: £2,495
- Balance (cash): £14,593

Sinking fund: £8,918

Bank and cash in hand at 20/04/2023: £9,157

Committee Elections

- Nominees

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

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

  Stuart Alexander, **Treasurer** (Plot 58A)

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

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

  Letizia Tiley, **Member** (Plot 50B)

- As most of us will not be able to stand again in future, we need more volunteers to join the committee!

Matters Raised & AOB