

L&DAS COMMITTEE REPORTS JULY 2021

Treasurer Report July 2021

Three items to note this month.

We have purchased a petrol long-reach hedge trimmer at a cost of £226. In the care of Tim / Moggs.

We made the £50 donation to St Giles Hospice in memory of Peter Beech. I should receive an acknowledgement letter in due course which could be posted on the website.

Another quite large water bill for Netherstowe - £195 for 6-months to July. I will leave Andy to update on the situation with the water company about the leak.

Please note that I am away this weekend and maybe not be back until later on the Monday in which case please accept my apologies if I miss the meeting.

Secretary Report July 2021

Bernard Derrick from the Christchurch site has been in touch regarding parking on the A51 by football supporters. This obstructs the view for us to exit from the site onto this busy road making it quite dangerous. He has kindly offered to liaise with Police and with Lichfield District Council, and will keep us updated.

A quiet month with a trickle of people joining the waiting list, which is now at 98.

Site Report The Moggs July 2021

Plot 10 is now vacant and has been covered and left fallow to clear the ground. We will then look to split the plot and fence it before reletting later in the year.

Plots 19a and 33a have both given up

The holder of 10 has moved to 19a

Rick has acquired a brand new grass strimmer from the Lichfield Canal Society. This has been at no cost but perhaps a donation would be appropriate.

Site Report Netherstowe July 2021

We have one plot vacant with a new Tenant viewing tomorrow. News letter has gone out which is positive and thanks to Liz and Keith for constructing.

Severn Trent saga continues but we are on the list to get repaired ASAP. Good news is Naomi Rutherford has stepped forward to be a site rep which is very welcome !

I'm travelling back from a weekend away this evening so will not be able to attend the meeting.

Site Report Beacon Street July 2021

Access to a neighbour's garden to construct a shed there has been completed. Builders left their access area on the allotments clean and tidy and have rebuilt a section of wall that they removed to gain access. A thank you e-mail has been sent to the builders.

Access was also granted to tree surgeons to enable them to prune a large tree in the garden of another neighbour. They have left a pile of shavings for use by the plot-holders.

A quiet month still working on splitting plot 3A.

Keeping an eye on one or two plot-holders that seem to be struggling with their plots.

Apologies for absence to-night.

Site Report Christchurch July 2021

We had a major leak below ground close to one of the troughs. I have replaced an isolation valve and this has fixed the problem.

Four first warning letters have been sent out. I have only had a response from one person who has promised to sort his plot out however if there is no progress all four will be sent a final warning at the end of this week.

I still have not had any response from the Open Spaces Officer regarding the gates and fences, perhaps Lewis has had more luck?

Comms Officer Report July 2021

A couple of things:

1. Covid 19 Guidance: Given the changes made today we should update the covid information on the FB page and the Website. Most legal restrictions have been lifted and we're advised to use personal judgement to manage our own risk. As cases are high and rising the relevant elements of the guidance to be aware of are:

- people need to test if they have symptoms and isolate if they have a positive result/ are contacted by NHS Test & Trace/ on return from travel to red countries;
- the advice is still to minimise the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.

The National Allotment Society Guidance is here: <https://www.nsalg.org.uk/news/covid19-information/> - we can use this link.

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2. Best Plot: Are we in a position to announce results?

3. FB activity. Quiet month, one [returning] member, so members on the page are at 73. Low activity on the page (too busy weeding and harvesting?); Michelle raised the question about the Best Plot ...