

L&DAS COMMITTEE REPORTS SEPTEMBER 2021

Treasurer Report September 2021

Three significant items of expenditure over the summer:

- Cherry Orchard water bill - £63
- New mower for Netherstowe - £210
- 2nd installment of LCC rent - £550

Summary of our current position:

Income YTD = £6690

Expenditure YTD = £4246

Current account balance ~£4000

Secretary Report September 2021

There has been no response regarding the upcoming vacancy for the secretary position.

Following on from Shenstone & Stonnall Allotments' request for help with their vacant plots, I have passed on five names from interested people on our waiting list. I have kept them on our waiting list too so that they will not miss out if they are not required by Shenstone.

Gordon Phillips has now received his trophies for heaviest potato crop and heaviest potato competitions.

I have met with Bernard Derrick regarding the parking problems at Christchurch. On busy match days the car park becomes full (blocking our entry to and exit from the site) and the overspill football supporters park illegally on the verge on the A51, causing a very dangerous exit from the car park by obstructing the view of the road. He is in discussion with the two councils involved and will keep us updated.

There have been 12 new waiting list additions, and numbers are now 105.

Site Report The Moggs September 2021

Please find the site report of the Moggs.

Plots 19a and 36b have been let out. This will leave 1b, 10 and 31a vacant for the new season. Each have been covered and let fallow until the March to help in clearing weeds. 10 will probably be split into 2.

The flower bed at the gate has been cleared of nettles and weeds for planting with wild flowers next year.

Site Report Netherstowe September 2021

The work has at last been completed by Severn Trent so the water leak, fingers crossed, is now fixed. I put in a claim for compensation but as the land is not ours any compensation would have to go to our landlord being the council which does make sense.

The good news is I have managed to get ST to agree to re surface the car park with 20 tons of MOT 1 hardcore and also throw a skip in for us to use as we have so rubbish to move so a free skip always very welcome. The work is going ahead on the 20 & 21st of this month. They are using a professional contractor which I have insisted on!

The car park / turning circle at Netherstowe is in desperate need of attention and would have cost the society heavily next year so I hope you all agree this was the best trade off we could really go for.

Site Report Beacon Street September 2021

Plots 3A1 &2 are now ready for new tenants. Can I have two names from the Waiting List please?

Another plot will be vacated at the end of this month and will need tidying before being re-let. An oak tree in the hedge along Forge Lane needs some low branches removed before the top of the hedge can be cut. Does the Society own a long-handled pruning saw?
The area of rough grass at the top of the allotments has been strimmed.

Site Report Christchurch September 2021

Still nothing from the open spaces officer regarding the gate and fences. I don't know whether Lewis has had more luck with this?

Site Report Cherry Orchard September 2021

I have a few plots that need to be tidied up. Going to try and speak to them first.

Another plot will be available at the end of the month, so this can be given to someone on the waiting list now.

Issues:

1. Shed has some holes that need to be repaired.
2. Whilst having hedge cut was great, we have a lot of overhanging trees that need cutting back as they are stopping sunlight on some of our plot holders plots.

I would like to see if anyone else would like to take this role on. I will of course carry on until someone else can take over.

Comms Officer Report September 2021

Apologies – I won't be at the meeting as I'm away in Scotland.

Facebook update since last meeting:

- As 12 September - 73 members. 2 leavers removed and 3 new members since last meeting.
- Results of the Best Plot Competition and the trophy handover of the Potato Competition 2020 posted (thanks to Shirley for photos).
- Some positive and 'newsie' posts by members since the last meeting. No issues raised for the committee.

Other

I've been in touch with Lewis about the need to get public messages (such as the covid announcement from the last meeting) and public minutes on the website in a timely way.