

L&DAS COMMITTEE REPORTS NOVEMBER 2021

Treasurer Report November 2021

Income - £100 for storage of church lawnmower at Netherstowe.

Expenditure - £170 water rates for Christchurch, Moggs and Beacon Street.

Summary of our current position:

Income YTD = £6820

Expenditure YTD = £4504

Current account balance ~£3896

Secretary Report November 2021

Bernard Derrick is continuing with his campaign to solve parking issues at the Christchurch site. A meeting of interested parties has had to be postponed and may now take place at the end of November.

The proposed visit to Sandfields Pumping Station has resulted in 52 places being requested from interested members.

Our waiting list currently stands at 112 names.

Site Report The Moggs November 2021

One empty plot has been let out; it is hoped to let another plot over the weekend.

In the New Year Plot 10 will be divided up into thirds and rented out.

At the moment all other plots are taken up.

Mower in for service.

The owners of the paddock have repaired the fence between them and us. We need to put in some hardcore to make a path to the manure heap from the site.

Site Report Netherstowe November 2021

Severn Trent have repaired the pipe again and I have requested a full report on what work has been carried out which I am waiting for. They also provided another skip.

We have 2 plots to let which I shall get done over the next weekend. We had a fire last week that went well with us burning lots of waste / old wood.

Site Report Beacon Street November 2021

One tenant responded to the Early Warning Letter and started to clear the plot. But progress is slow so far so I have given a deadline of March 2022 for a final decision to be made.

Another plot is now vacant and a meeting with a potential new tenant has been arranged.

The mower is being serviced by C&G Mowers and should be back on the plot by the end of the month.

There has been no response to my request for a quotation from two builders for the existing shed to be moved and a new shed constructed.

I am resigning as Site Rep for Beacon Street and Melinda Hensher will be taking on the role in the New Year. I will still be around to help out wherever I can.

Site Report Christchurch November 2021

A quiet month, as usual at this time of year. All plots are occupied but I suspect we will lose a few at rent time.

The site mower and Society strimmer will be taken to C&G Mowers for service over the next month.

Comms Officer Report November 2021

Facebook update since last meeting:

- No changes to membership – low level of activity.

Public Messages on the Website

I now have access to the website. Lewis and I have agreed that:

- Lewis has overall responsibility for the website; and
- I look after the news and minutes section. I have full editing rights if needed in an emergency.

The website is now up-to-date in terms of covid guidance and minutes.

Rent Increase

Comms note on rent increase (from last meeting) agreed in principle with Martin and Lewis. Lewis suggested that site reps might want FAQs to help answer questions and he was going to consider. *Circulation of note is pending Lewis coming back with FAQs/ thoughts on FAQs.*

Plot monitoring

With site reps at Netherstowe I took part of a discussion about how we might better manage issues with plots. In discussion we thought some of the issues were about wider communications:

1. How we set and manage expectations about having an allotment ie it's hard work and sometimes everyone has to muck in to help the site;
2. the "cultivation" standard expected by the LDAS.

I've pulled together some suggested changes for the website that are meant to address both issues and Andy/ Naomi think this would help. The cultivation standards section complements the current rules (on the website) and takes the "best" from other allotment websites.